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Totius Europae Littora Novissime adita. Pascaert vertoonende alle de See-custen van Europa

Stock#: 94301
Map Maker: De Wit
Date: 1675 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 35 x 19.5 inches
Price: \$ 9,500.00



Description:

"The most striking and decorative map in de Wit's Orbis Maritimus." (Ginsberg)

This portolan-style chart, *Totius Europae Littora Novissime adita. Pascaert vertoonende alle de See-custen van Europa*, by Frederick De Wit, circa 1675, offers an exquisite and wide-ranging depiction of Europe's maritime landscape. Stretching from Morocco to the Scandinavian island of Spitsbergen and Iceland, and west to east from Iceland to Dalmatia, this chart encapsulates a remarkable breadth of geography.

Situated in the grand age of Dutch cartography, this chart combines navigational utility with high aesthetic appeal. In the portolan tradition, it emphasizes coastal details over the inland regions, providing mariners with invaluable information about harbors, ports, and coastal cities. Notably, a continuation chart of the Mediterranean extends the map's reach into Africa, ensuring an all-encompassing overview of Europe's maritime milieu.

The chart is distinguished by the elaborate coats of arms representing the key kingdoms of the time - Spain, France, and the Holy Roman Empire - reinforcing the geopolitical import of these maritime spaces. Smaller coats of arms for Norway, Sweden, "Ruslandt" (Russia), and England further enrich the chart's heraldic display, adding a layer of sociopolitical context to the geographical depiction.

De Wit's chart, in all its detail and geographical breadth, serves as both an artifact of 17th-century cartography and a testament to the extensive navigational knowledge amassed during this age of exploration.

Later editions with changes (namely the removal of the coats of arms) were issued until the middle of the 18th century.



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Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Several minor marginal mends. VG to VG+