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## [ Aegean Sea ]

**Stock#:** 96557  
**Map Maker:** Conder  
**Date:** 1780 circa  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 8 x 11.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 125.00



### Description:

The Aegean Sea, nestled between the Greek mainland and the Turkish coast, is steeped in history, mythology, and beauty. As the cradle of ancient civilizations and home to numerous empires, the Aegean region remains a testament to the enduring human spirit.

The Aegean Sea's outline on an 18th-century map shows a mosaic of islands, each bearing its own tale. Roughly 30 islands are named

During the 18th century, the Aegean islands were under the rule of the Ottoman Empire. The decline of the Venetian Republic, which had control over some of these islands, and the subsequent Ottoman-Venetian wars in the 17th century led to the Ottoman acquisition of many Aegean territories. The century saw the Aegean islands largely as peaceful, economically productive provinces of the empire. However, with the Ottoman Empire beginning to show signs of weakness, thoughts of independence started to brew



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in the Greek territories, leading to the establishment of the Filiki Eteria in 1814, which played a pivotal role in the Greek War of Independence that started in 1821.

Some of the islands shown include:

- Lesbos: Renowned for its association with the ancient poet Sappho, it was a major center of learning and culture.
- Euboea: One of the largest Aegean islands, it played an essential role in ancient Greek history, especially during the Greco-Persian Wars.
- Chios: Known for its mastic production, Chios saw the horrendous Chios Massacre in 1822 during the Greek War of Independence.
- Samos: An influential maritime and mercantile center in antiquity, birthplace of the famed mathematician Pythagoras.
- Naxos: Central in ancient mythology, especially associated with the legend of Theseus and Ariadne.
- Thera (Santorini): Renowned for the Minoan eruption, one of the largest volcanic events in recorded history, which is believed to be a basis for the legend of Atlantis.
- Cos: Birthplace of Hippocrates, the father of medicine.
- Rhodes: Home to the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- Patmos: Recognized for the Cave of the Apocalypse, where John of Patmos is said to have written the Book of Revelation.
- Mykonos: A scenic island, reputedly named after a descendant of Apollo, and a famed modern-day tourist destination.
- Creata (or Crete): The cradle of the Minoan civilization.

### Detailed Condition: