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## [ Copenhagen ] Hafnia (and) Kopenhagen

**Stock#:** 96866  
**Map Maker:** Braun / Hogenberg  
**Date:** 1599  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 16.3 x 14.2 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Finely executed pair of views of Copenhagen, published by Braun & Hogenberg.

Copenhagen, known as Hafnia in Latin, is vividly depicted in these two views by Braun & Hogenberg. The dual vantage points, one from the land and one from the sea, highlight Copenhagen's significance as a bustling port and center of trade, reflecting its establishment as a city with a municipal charter since 1254.

The northeast view, across the "merchants' harbor," showcases the strategic geographical location of Copenhagen, with the church of Our Lady and the royal castle as prominent landmarks. The castle stands on the historical grounds of an earlier fortress that was razed in 1369, symbolizing the resilience and regrowth of the city. By 1416, Copenhagen had become the royal residence, marking a pivotal turn in its destiny to emerge as a commercial hub.

Below this, the view from the sound gives us a maritime perspective, with ships anchored in the foreground, signifying the city's vibrant sea trade. The depiction of the harbour and the counting houses in the city's backdrop, alongside the offshore islands, illustrates Copenhagen's advantageous and protected position, which facilitated its ascendancy as a commercial metropolis.

The illustrations capture the essence of Copenhagen's urban and economic development during the late medieval period, laying the foundation for its future as a significant European capital.



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