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[France / Roman Gaul] Galliae Veteris Typus

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Description:

Detailed engraved antique map of Ancient France during the time of the Romans, divided into regions.

The map represents ancient France, known as Gaul, during the Roman era. The major regional divisions mentioned — Celtica Lugdunensis, Aquitania, Narbonensis, and Belgica — correspond to Roman provincial divisions. Belgica, stretching north to Batavia along the Rhine River and southeast to the Helvetii tribes and the Adula Mountains, indicates a detailed Roman administrative and military grasp of the region.

Roman Gaul, denoting the region under Roman control from the 1st century BC to the 5th century AD, traces its beginnings to interactions with the Roman Republic. By the mid-2nd century BC, Romans were trading heavily with Massilia (modern Marseille) and had established an alliance to protect against local Gauls and Carthaginians. Roman influence and subsequent conquests, particularly by Julius Caesar during the Gallic Wars (58-50 BC), led to the annexation of most of Gaul.

Post-conquest, while not immediately formalized as Roman provinces, Gaul saw a series of rebellions and maintained a Roman military presence to quell unrest. Formal provincial organization occurred under Emperor Augustus in 27 BC, dividing Gaul into the provinces of Gallia Aquitania, Gallia Belgica, and Gallia Lugdunensis. Parts of eastern Gaul were later incorporated into Raetia and Germania Superior.

Roman citizenship was extended to all free inhabitants of the Roman Empire, including Gaul, under the Constitutio Antoniniana in 212 AD, symbolizing the complete integration of Gaul into the Roman state.



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