



Blaeu's classic 'carte à figure' map of Asia

BLAEU, Willem Janszoon.
 Asia noviter delineata.

Amsterdam: Johannes Blaeu, c.1650, Latin text edition. Old colour. 415 x 560mm.

£3,000

One of the most decorative maps of Asia, with nine vignette 'map-views' of cities across the top of the map and ten costumes down the sides. The seas are filled with decoration, including galleons, a twin-spouted sea-monster and a merman blowing a shell trumpet. Korea is shown as an island Australia has yet to appear.

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