



A classic 17th century map of China

HONDIUS, Jodocus.
 China.

Amsterdam, 1623, Latin text edition. Coloured. 350 x 460mm.

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An unusual map of China, with much fictitious detail inland, including large lakes and Lake Chimay, the mythical source of the major rivers of Indochina. The map also shows Korea as an island, a distorted Japan, Luzon far too close to the Chinese coast, and the tip of north-west America. Decorations include a land-yacht, a junk, seamonster and a western galleon, and a crucifixion scene within a strapwork cartouche.

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