



Gold And Mother-of-pearl Folding Travel Fork



2 250 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

France, late 18th - very early 19th century (Louis XVI - Directory). A rare two-pronged folding travel fork, crafted from solid gold for the metal parts and featuring a finely decorated natural mother-of-pearl handle adorned with applied gold discs and fillets. The high-quality mother-of-pearl handle displays a regular and balanced design composed of circular gold cabochons, linked by oblique gold fillets, and framed at each end by finely chiseled radiating motifs. The piece demonstrates exceptionally meticulous goldsmithing, intended for a very high-ranking clientele. The fork is equipped with a fully functional folding mechanism, allowing for discreet, elegant, and secure travel. The gold section bears clearly stamped hallmarks and guarantee marks on the handle, attesting to the

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gold's purity and its manufacture by a qualified workshop. While folding travel forks are known in silver, examples in gold with a mother-of-pearl handle of this quality are extremely rare. This piece is distinguished by the choice of precious materials, the finesse of its execution, and its excellent state of preservation. An emblematic object of late 18th-century luxury utilitarian silverware, it sits at the crossroads of tableware, personal items, and refined travel accessories.

Dimensions: - Open length: 18 cm - Closed length: 10 cm Condition: Very good condition.

Light and even wear consistent with age.

Mother-of-pearl well preserved. Smooth and complete mechanism. Price: EUR2,400. Period:

18th century. Style: Louis XVI - Directoire.

Material: Gold and mother-of-pearl. Condition: Very good.