



## Ancient Vietnamese Bronze Dragon With Flaming Pearl, Nguyen Dynasty, 19th Century



350 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 16.5 cm

### Description

Antique Vietnamese bronze sculpture representing a powerful coiled dragon clutching a flaming pearl, dating from the Nguyen Dynasty, 19th century. The dragon is depicted in a dynamic, sinuous posture, its body tightly coiled around a rocky base enriched with swirling cloud motifs. One raised claw firmly grasps the flaming pearl -- a central symbol in Vietnamese and East Asian iconography representing wisdom, authority, prosperity, and cosmic energy. The head is forcefully modelled with bulging eyes, open jaws revealing teeth, pronounced horns, flowing whiskers, and a spined crest running along the back. The scales are finely chased, conveying movement, vitality, and strength. The bronze surface has been carefully polished, revealing a warm golden-brown patina with natural variations

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and wear fully consistent with age. The sculpture is mounted on a later turned wooden base, discreet and well-proportioned, providing stability while complementing the bronze. In Vietnamese tradition, the dragon is a benevolent imperial creature associated with power, protection, rain, and prosperity, making this sculpture both a highly decorative and culturally significant object. Total height: 16.5 cm. Bronze sculpture height (excluding base): approximately 10.5 cm. Wooden base diameter: 6 cm. Vietnam, Nguyen Dynasty, 19th century. Good condition, with surface wear and patina consistent with age. The wooden base is chipped. **SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY** It is possible to pay in installments. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email [tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk). Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. If you are forming a collection, I will be happy to advise you. Any questions will be answered promptly. **MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY.** I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing -- I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available, please ask. We speak English and French. Nous parlons anglais et français.