



Early 19th Century French Restoration Roll-top Desk, Walnut & Marble



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 122 cm

Width : 65 cm

Height : 124 cm

Description

This elegant French roll-top desk dates from the early 19th-century and reflects the refined craftsmanship of the Restoration period, circa 1820-1835. Likely produced in Paris in a major French cabinetmaking center, the desk demonstrates the sophisticated design and technical ingenuity characteristic of high-quality French furniture of the time. The desk is veneered in beautifully figured walnut, displaying lively flame grain across the curved tambour front and drawer façades. Its architectural presence is enhanced by finely cast gilt-bronze mounts and elegant tapered legs ending in gilt-bronze sabots. The top is crowned with a dark marble slab, likely Saint-Anne marble, a feature that elevates the piece beyond a purely functional writing desk and gives it the decorative presence expected in

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refined interiors of the period. The roll-top opens to reveal a thoughtfully organized interior fitted with multiple drawers and compartments designed for correspondence, writing instruments, and personal documents. Two discreet secret drawers are cleverly integrated within the interior, while an additional concealed drawer is revealed when the writing surface is fully extended. Two pull-out side slides further enlarge the working area when needed. Such ingenious mechanical details were highly prized in the early 19th century and were often found in desks commissioned by professionals such as notaries, merchants, or lawyers who required both organization and discretion. The desk is constructed in two sections for easier transportation. The writing surface is lined with green felt bordered with delicate gilt tooling. The tambour retains visible restorations and age-related wear, which contribute to the authentic character of the piece and testify to its long history of use. Combining elegant proportions, practical design, and refined decorative elements, this desk embodies the balance between functionality and sophistication that defines the best French furniture of the Restoration period. Today, it remains a striking and highly usable statement piece, equally suited to a study, library, or sophisticated interior.