



## Cavalry Sword Northern Italy, 2nd Half 16th Century

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Period : 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Length : 102.5 cm

Width : aux quillons 16 cm



### Description

This cavalry sword is from northern Italy, according to the style of the mount and the decoration on the hilt and pommel. We can date it from the second half of the 16th century, or early 17th century at the latest. It's true that this type of guard enjoyed a certain vogue in Germany between 1600 and 1620, and can be found associated with curves or straight blades.

However, on models classified as "German sabers", we have a thumb ring on the inside of the guard, which is not the case with this sword. I therefore conclude that it originated in Northern Italy. **BLADE:** This is a double-edged blade showing a flattened hexagonal cross-section, whose edges have become smooth with the wear of time. The blade shows the usual oxidation of swords from this period. Blade length = 87.5

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cm, width near the hilt = 3 cm, thickness near the hilt = 3 cm, Balance point 13.5 cm from the hilt, typical of cavalry swords. GUARD : Forged in 2 riveted parts: guard shells and quillons. The outer guard shell is cut in the shapes of a flower (or scallop shell) and finely chiseled with vegetal plant motifs. The quillons are counter-curved in the plane of the blade, ending in a small scallop shell. They were originally decorated with plant branches, but these engravings have been partially erased. The quillon inclined towards the blade is slightly further from the center than the other one (1 cm difference). This is not due to poor centering or to an accident : both quillons were intentionally forged this way. According to some authors, this characteristic asymmetry is only seen on certain cavalry swords and would be related to their use in parrying certain blows from opposing blades. POMMEL : S haped like a bolster, it is decorated "en suite" with the hilt. The tang of the blade is riveted directly to the pommel. GRIP : fluted, covered with a double twisted wire binding, alternating with a simple wire binding. The braided crown ferrules, known as "Turk's head" are present and in good condition. This weapon, in very acceptable and relatively uncommon, it will fit perfectly into a collection of military swords of the period. Shipping costs: France = 30 EUR, Europe = 40 EUR Ref : A-2634