



Large French Warship Model "le Superbe" 1784, Handcrafted



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Walnut

Length : 110 cm

Width : 41 cm

Height : 86 cm

Description

This striking handcrafted scale model depicts the French ship of the line Superbe, originally launched in 1784 during the final years of the Ancien Régime. Ships of this class, typically armed with around 74 guns, formed the backbone of the French Royal Navy and were designed for major naval engagements, combining firepower, balance, and elegance at sea. Crafted in Port Louis, Mauritius, as indicated on the original plaque, this model reflects the refined craftsmanship for which the region became internationally recognized. The hull is executed in beautifully toned walnut, selected for its warm depth of color and fine grain, lending the piece a rich and sophisticated presence. The model displays an impressive level of detail, from the multiple rows of gun ports to the finely

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articulated stern gallery, enhanced with delicate gilded accents. The rigging is particularly elaborate, composed of carefully arranged cordage, pulleys, and fittings, faithfully evoking the complexity of 18th century naval construction. The sails, made of stitched cotton or linen, are subtly aged in tone, reinforcing the authenticity and visual harmony of the piece. Resting on a shaped wooden base, this model combines historical inspiration with decorative elegance. Both sculptural and architectural in presence, it makes a refined statement in any interior, appealing equally to collectors and design enthusiasts.