



## View Of Naples And Smoking Vesuvius 18th Century Oil On Canvas



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Restauré

Material : Oil painting

### Description

Elegant view of Naples animated by smoking Mount Vesuvius in the background, in a composition typical of the Grand Tour representations that enjoyed immense popularity during the 18th century among European travelers discovering Italy. While the subject recalls the many tourist gouaches of the period, this is a true antique oil painting, offering a depth and presence of an entirely different nature. The composition is structured around two large umbrella pines framing the Bay of Naples, while a few figures in traditional dress delicately enliven the foreground. In the distance, the volcano releases a soft pinkish plume that subtly echoes the warm tones of the architecture and the reflections upon the water. The painting is particularly appealing for its gentle and luminous

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palette, where the slightly milky blues of the sky and sea interact beautifully with pink and orange highlights of remarkable decorative freshness. The intentionally peaceful treatment of Vesuvius gives the scene an almost dreamlike atmosphere. A highly decorative piece with great presence. Frame dimensions: 62 x 39 cm Canvas dimensions: 57 x 35 cm Gallery's View Like many people, we are especially drawn to volcanic landscapes and the way they allow artists to introduce unusually vivid colors into otherwise peaceful scenes. Here, despite the presence of smoking Vesuvius, the composition retains a remarkable softness. The pink tonalities and panoramic structure give the painting a decorative charm that occasionally evokes the spirit of the great 19th century panoramic wallpapers.