



## Ship Model Of The St. Géran Frigate, 1737



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Walnut

### Description

This finely handcrafted model represents the St. Géran, a celebrated 18th-century sailing vessel dated to 1737, executed with remarkable attention to historical maritime detail. Carefully constructed with multiple masts, fully rigged lines, hand-sewn canvas sails, decorative stern detailing, and miniature deck fittings, the model captures the elegant proportions and complexity of an early ocean-going frigate or East Indies trading vessel. The warm-toned timber hull, intricate rigging, carved prow, anchor detailing, and miniature ship's boat reflect a highly decorative and skilled artisan approach, likely intended both as a collector's display piece and an homage to historical naval craftsmanship. The naturally aged fabric sails lend authentic character and visual depth, while the finely

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layered wood planking enhances the realism of the vessel. Historically, the St. Gérard is best known as a French ship associated with the Indian Ocean and the Île de France (modern Mauritius) during the 18th century, later romanticized through literature and maritime history. Ships of this type were used for long-distance voyages, transporting goods, passengers, and supplies between Europe, Africa, and Asia during the height of maritime trade and colonial expansion. Based on the construction quality, materials, decorative approach, and stylized execution, this appears to be a decorative collector's model or artisan-made reproduction dating likely from the mid to late 20th century (circa 1960-1980) rather than a 19th-century period model. The craftsmanship suggests a handmade workshop production rather than a mass-produced souvenir.

**composition & dimensions** : \* Wood: walnut, or stained hardwood veneer\* Sails: natural cotton or linen canvas\* Rigging: cordage/string and fine thread\* Details: brass-tone metal fittings, painted metal anchor, textile flag\* Dimensions : L 51 cm x W 14 cm x H 40 cm

**Dating:** Circa 1960-1980

**Historical note:** The original St. Gérard was a French vessel linked to the Indian Ocean trade routes and became famous through the 18th-century-inspired story *Paul et Virginie*, where the shipwreck of the St. Gérard plays a central role. Models of historic ships such as this became particularly popular in the 20th century as decorative maritime objects for libraries, studies, coastal homes, and collectors.