



Travel Writing Desk (or "bargueno") Made Of Solid Mahogany With Marquetry, Liguria, Early 18th C



2 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Width : 102,5 cm

Height : 56,5 cm

Depth : 41 cm

Description

Rare drop-leaf desk (secretary desk) or "Bargueno," Northern Italy--probably Genoa or Liguria--first quarter of the 18th century. The outer cabinet, made of solid mahogany -- a wood imported at the time through the major ports of Northern Italy such as Genoa or Livorno -- is reinforced at each corner with hand-riveted wrought-iron brackets and fitted with sturdy iron drop handles, a feature characteristic of furniture designed for transport. When opened, the flap reveals a tier of drawers arranged in a row around a central compartment, with fronts adorned with a delicate inlay design of foliage and cartouches in light-colored wood against a walnut background. The drop-down panel's surface, in turn, features a large diamond-shaped reserve design flanked by floral rosettes and centered by a scroll-adorned

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cartouche--a design characteristic of Italian
intarsio from this period. High-quality
construction: softwood drawer frames assembled
with dovetail joints, bottom made of joined
planks, original forged nails. Dimensions: 102.5 x
56.5 x 41 cm (W x H x D) Origin: Northern Italy,
likely Genoa or Liguria. Materials: Solid
mahogany, light wood marquetry (boxwood,
lemonwood), wrought-iron hardware. Condition:
In good overall condition considering its age.
Some old and normal wear and tear: minor losses
of marquetry veneer on the lid's top (visible, not
yet restored), an old crack on one side, a crack
beneath a corner fitting. The piece does not have
its original legs. Superb original finish preserved.