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"grand Tour" Paperweight In Black Marble With Five Micromosaics - Italy - 19th Century



1 100 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Marble

Width : 14 cm

Height : 11 cm

Description

A superb and elegant Grand Tour paperweight, crafted from black marble and adorned with five remarkable polychrome micromosaics depicting the iconic monuments of ancient and Christian Rome. With its dynamic shape and delicately scalloped edges, this paperweight features a particularly decorative composition, with a large central micromosaic depicting St. Peter's Square in Rome and its famous basilica, surrounded by four oval medallions illustrating various historical monuments, notably the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Temple of Vesta, and the ruins of the Roman Forum. The micromosaics are distinguished by the finesse of their craftsmanship, the richness of their colors, and the precision of their architectural details. The tiny polychrome glass tesserae allow for a

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meticulous recreation of the perspectives, columns, and architectural elements of each monument. The contrast between the black marble and the vibrant colors of the micromosaics lends this object a particularly refined character. This type of paperweight was highly sought after by wealthy travelers undertaking the Grand Tour of Italy in the 19th century. These objects served as precious souvenirs from Rome, reflecting the era's taste for classical antiquity and Italian decorative arts.