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Japanese Yoroi Armor Model. Japan, Meiji Period, Late 19th Century



5 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 28

Width : 45

Height : 84

Description

An important example of Japanese samurai armor (yoroi), made in Japan during the Meiji period in the late 19th century. This remarkable ceremonial replica faithfully reproduces the construction of a complete suit of armor and attests to the exceptional skill of Japanese armorers during the export period. The kabuto is richly gilded and adorned with large fuki-gaeshi bearing a family crest, a heraldic emblem characteristic of the Japanese warrior tradition. The breastplate, the sode shoulder guards, the kusazuri lamellar skirts, the kote armored sleeves, and the suneate shin guards are made of black lacquered lamellae enhanced with gilding and assembled with odoshi silk lacing alternating between shades of orange and green. Decorative tassels complete the ceremonial ensemble. The armor rests on its

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original lacquered wooden storage chest, or bitsu-gusoku, fitted with metal hardware and locks. During the Meiji period, these models were crafted as diplomatic gifts, prestigious decorative objects, and works intended for export to celebrate the samurai heritage following Japan's opening to international trade. Given its size, the exceptional quality of its craftsmanship, and its remarkable state of preservation, this set is a prime piece for collectors of antique Japanese weapons and decorative arts. Markings: No visible markings. Dimensions: Height of the armor: 84 cm. Chest: 34 × 45 × 28 cm. Condition: Very good condition. Provenance: Japan, Meiji period, late 19th century. ID-ANTQ-7721