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Carved Wood And Gilded Brass Malabar Chest From India - South India - 19th Century



880 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Width : 93

Height : 36

Depth : 41

Description

Indian Malabar Chest Made of Carved Wood and Gilded Brass - South India - Early 19th Century
A very beautiful Indian chest known as a "Malabar chest", dating from the early 19th century and originating from the Malabar Coast in southwestern India.This remarkable rectangular chest features a beautiful solid wood structure with a warm brown patina, richly adorned with carvings and gilded brass trim.The front is decorated with a large panel carved in relief, featuring an elegant symmetrical composition of foliage scrolls, volutes, and stylized floral motifs.The piece is enhanced by numerous cut-out and openwork brass inlays, including spandrels, rosettes, geometric motifs, and keyholes--all characteristic of the rich decorative repertoire of traditional Indian

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chests.The flat lid, revealing the wood's magnificent grain, is adorned with circular rosettes and brass corner reinforcements.It reveals a spacious storage area, along with a small interior side compartment, once intended for storing valuables, jewelry, or documents.The quality of the carving, the abundance of metal fittings, and the harmony of the proportions lend this chest a particularly decorative character.Origin: South India, Malabar Coast.Period: early 19th century.Materials: carved solid wood and brass fittings.Dimensions:Height: 36 cmWidth: 93 cmDepth: 41 cmCondition: in good overall condition, with an antique patina, signs of use, and minor wear due to age.A beautiful example of traditional Indian craftsmanship from the early 19th century, combining carved woodwork with rich brass ornamentation.A collector's piece that is as authentic as it is decorative, ideal for a traditional, Orientalist, or contemporary interior.