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Travel Case In Gold-embossed Morocco Leather With "petits Fers" Pattern, France, 18th Century



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Period : 18th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Leather

Description

Travel case in gold-embossed morocco leather with "petits fers" pattern, France, 18th centuryElegant travel and desk box in red and brown morocco leather, made in France in the second half of the 18th century (circa 1760-1785), during the transition from the Louis XV style to the early neoclassical period.The wooden structure is covered in fine morocco leather, hot-stamped and gilded with petits fers and wheel-engraved patterns, in keeping with the refined tradition of the French relieurs-doreurs and gainiers. The slightly domed lid and sides feature elegant frames with scalloped edges, leafy tendrils, palmettes, and floral motifs in pure gold that retain excellent chromatic contrast, especially on the interior surfaces that are more sheltered from light.The metal fittings combine practicality

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with decorative finesse: an arched top handle with turned joints, four openwork corner pieces in gilded brass to protect the corners of the lid, a front snap lock with an ornate keyhole, and two side hook fasteners pivoting on lobed rosettes. Inside, the piece features a practical division into five compartments with lids fitted with gripping rings (one elongated ring on the side, one large ring at the back, and three smaller ones on the front), a lining of marbled paper tourniquet (in shades of blue, ochre, and red), and a second internal lock designed to secure documents or confidential items.Period: 18th century, second half (ca. 1760-1785)Provenance: FranceMaterials: Gilded morocco leather with petits fers, wooden frame, gilded brass and iron, marbled paperDimensions: W. 28 cm × D. 27.5 cm × H. 10.5 cmCondition: Good overall condition with authentic period patina, slight wear and small gaps in the leather, a few holes from moth damage on the lid, and normal oxidation of the metal parts.Travel case, portable writing desk, travel kit, gilded Moroccan leather, embossed and gilded leather, small-scale gilding, antique bookbinding, marbled paper, antique jewelry box, document case, antique leather box, period lock, gilded brass, 18th-century France, French 18th century, Louis XV style, Louis XVI style, transitional period, collector's item, French antiques