Inlaid Travel Chest -- Batavia, 17th Century, Voc Era

4 500 EUR



Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 39 x 69 cm

Description

Wooden travel chest with inlaid decoration, from Batavia in the former Dutch East Indies.The front features a symmetrical composition of flowers and leafy scrollwork, set within a frame of geometric motifs. Delicate openwork brass trim adorns the corners and the keyhole, while domed-head nails punctuate the lid and front. Two iron side handles facilitate transport.The slightly overhanging lid opens to reveal an interior comprising two side compartments, each with its own lid. The entire piece rests on a molded base.This chest combines a European form with the decorative craftsmanship of Asian workshops, reflecting the trade activities of the Dutch East India Company. Its compact dimensions make it easy to display in a contemporary interior.Warm patina, signs of

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wear, and visible cracks in the wood. Lock present, key missing; functionality not verified.Dimensions: width 69 cm × depth 39 cm × height 37 cm.