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Rare Wooden Lantern



850 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Width : 31,5 cm maximum

Height : 50 cm avec la poignée levée

Description

A beautiful mid-18th-century hallway lantern or portable processional lantern.The hexagonal frame is made of walnut, with a doweled wood construction and upper crossbars in the "gendarme's hat" style typical of the provincial Louis XV period.Each corner is topped with six turned wooden finials, lending a refined finish to this utilitarian object.A wide, swinging wrought-iron handle allows for easy transport.An elegant, multi-lobed smoke vent is accompanied by three additional, very rudimentary vents (possibly added later).Each of the six sides features an antique glass pane with air bubbles and manufacturing imperfections; one of them opens via metal hinges and closes with a metal hook.The interior houses two iron candle holders designed to hold candles.What makes these

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candle holders unique is that they swivel, allowing the position of each candle to be adjusted--a very ingenious system.Although there are visible holes from wood-boring insects (which are now gone), the lantern remains structurally sound.Unlike metal lanterns, wooden ones were designed for indoor use.This type of lantern was used to light a foyer, a stairwell, or a hallway... while also being able to be taken down to accompany nighttime journeys.The particularly meticulous finish on this one could also indicate that it was used in sacristies or during nighttime processions.Note: The wood used to make this lantern is what makes it rare; it is more fragile and more prone to burning easily.A beautiful and authentic object, a true relic of the past.Height including the coils: 41.5 cm.Shipping to mainland France: EUR15