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## Pascaarte van alle de Zecusten van Europa. Nieuelycx beschreven door Willem Ians Blauw . . . .

**Stock#:** 21416  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1621  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 35.5 x 27.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

First state of Willem Janszoon Blaeu's extremely rare sea chart of Europe, printed circa 1621.

Blaeu's chart was highly influential and was later copied by Anthonie Jacobsz, Pieter Goos and Justus Danckerts, as well as by Blaeu's own grandchildren Willem, Pieter and Joan. Frederick De Wit also made a copy of the map which cut off the region that included Greenland, which was copied by Renard and Ottens. The chart is among Blaeu's earliest separately issued maps, at a time when he was making a name for himself in Amsterdam as a maker of Globes, Instruments and Wall Maps. Several of Blaeu's maps, including this map and his 10 sheet map of the Low Countries, were used by the Dutch Master Painter Vermeer in a series of paintings depicting a Map and Globe maker in his workshop.

The chart is oriented with west towards the top and extends from Novaya Zemla in the east to the Azores in the west, and from the northern coast of Spitzbergen to the Canary Islands in the south. The eastern portion of the Mediterranean is depicted within the interior of North Africa. Magnificently decorated, there are richly detailed European coats of arms, scale cartouches in the corners, several ships in the waters, a pair of native people in Greenland, and a number of animals portrayed on land, including polar bears and elephants.

Pieter Goos re-issued the map using the original Blaeu plate, and Gunther Schilder dates this state between 1650 and 1666, noting that "the text in the title cartouche, still crowned by the printer's mark of Blaeu, has been replaced and a new imprint has been placed in a new, richly decorated cartouche in



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Schilder notes eight examples, none in US or British Institutional Collections: (Universiteitsbibliotheek Amsterdam; Stadsarchief Antwerpen; Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin; Nationalbibliothek Budapest; Hessische Landesbibliothek, Darmstadt; Badische Landesbibliothek, Karlsruhe; BNP; Herzogin Anna Amalia-Bibliothek, Weimar; and Collectio Stopp).

**Detailed Condition:**

Separately published sea chart, printed on two sheets, which has been hand-colored in outline, with the coats of arms and title highlighted in gilt. Inset map of the eastern portion of the Mediterranean, numerous crests, rhumb lines and compass roses, ve