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[Pozzuoli and Baia] Puteoli and Baiae

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Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1575
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Two views showing different perspectives of Pozzuoli and Baia, Italy.

Both plates of Pozzuoli and Baia belong together thematically. Both towns in the Gulf of Naples have Greek origins. Pozzuoli was founded as Dikaiacheia in 531 BC, and from 194 BC it carried the name Puteoli. Baia was the harbour of the ancient city of Cumae, founded by the Greeks. Pozzuoli was one of the most important Roman ports; in AD 39 Caligula supposedly erected a bridge of ships from Pozzuoli to Baia, in order to refute a prophecy claiming that he only had a chance of becoming emperor if he rode a horse to Baia over the Gulf. Baia was already known during Roman times for its springs and revered as a healing bath; the remains of ancient thermal baths are found here. Both perspectives are enlivened by the animated depiction of the Gulf of Naples.

From Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most important book of town plans and views published in the 16th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor soiling and marginal repairs on verso and minor creasing.