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## [Rotterdam] Roterodamum, Hollandiae in ostio Roteri Flu Opp. Magni il:lius Desiderij Erasmi Patria

**Stock#:** 41805mp2  
**Map Maker:** Braun & Hogenberg  
**Date:** 1580  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 11 x 15.6 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Fine early birdseye view of Rotterdam.

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

This is a bird's-eye view from the west of the city, which is surrounded by a wall erected in 1359. The view is dominated by canals, the mouth of the new Meuse and the tributaries of the Meuse, including the River Rotte, from which the city gets the name. The late Gothic Sint Laurenskerk stands out clearly, and the ocean-going ships are a reference to the city's role as a trading port. After growing up as a fishing village in the early 13th century, Rotterdam was granted a municipal charter in 1340. Canals to the Schie linked the city with Delft, the most important trade centre at that time, from whose wealth it was able to profit. From 1586 onwards high numbers of refugees from the Spanish Netherlands settled in the city. The most important commercial activities were tapestry and cloth production; at that time the port ranked far behind Amsterdam. (Taschen)

### Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor soiling and marginal repairs on verso.