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Orvieto [with] Lauretum (Loreto)



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Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg

Date: 1581
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 13.5 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

Finley colored example of Braun & Hogenberg's views of the cities of Orvieto and Loreto, in Italy.

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

Orvieto

View of Orvieto from the southwest, showing the distinctive city rock and characteristic dynastic towers. The magnificent façade of the cathedral of Santa Maria is easily recognizable on the right. Its construction was begun in 1290 following the Miracle of Bolsena (1293), in which blood dripped out of a consecrated host during transubstantiation. Among other things, this miracle gave rise to the feast of Corpus Christi. Orvieto probably developed out of the Etruscan city of Velzna, which was captured by the Romans in 264 BC. They subsequently called it Urbs vetus ("Old City"), which then became Orivetum, and Orvieto.

Loreto

View of Loreto from the southwest. Inside the town walls there are a few houses grouped around the basilica. The view shows the Santa Casa, the Holy House, which is said to have been brought to Loreto from Nazareth by angels in 1294. It is believed to be the house in which Mary was born and in which the Annunciation by the angel took place.

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