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Stock#: 50762mp2
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1588
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking town plan of Algiers from Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitas Orbis Terrarum*, first issued in 1588.

Algiers is known as 'El-Bahdja' in Arabic or 'Alger la Blanche' in French for the glistening white of its buildings rising up from the sea. The Ottomans captured the city from the Spanish in 1529, and it remained under Ottoman rule for three centuries until the French invasion of Algeria in 1830. It was the key port of the Barbary Corsairs who pirated European ships in the Mediterranean, kidnapping the crews and demanding ransoms under threat of enslavement. This resulted in numerous attempts by various European powers to regain the city.

Detailed Condition:

Old color. Minor soiling and repairs.