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Bilbao . . .

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Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1575 circa
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 10 inches
Price: \$ 975.00



Description:

Nice example of Braun & Hogenberg's view of Bilbao.

The view shows Bilbao from the southeast; in the distance the town of Portugalete can be seen on the estuary of the Nervion in the Bay of Biscay. Diego López V de Haro founded Bilbao on June 15, 1300. The bay known as Ria cuts deep into the land and links Bilbao with the Gulf of Biscay via Portugalete. It is navigable due to its depth, which made it possible to build a harbor in Bilbao that offered far better protection than coastal harbors, and led to the town becoming one of Castile's trade centers; in particular, Merino wool was exported to northern Europe from here.

The church of San Anton adjoins the San Anton bridge (on the right). The Gothic cathedral of Santiago is visible in the middle of the city.

Detailed Condition: