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## Asia, Partium Orbis Maxima

**Stock#:** 61784  
**Map Maker:** de Jode  
**Date:** 1593  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 14.5 x 18.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### ***Rare 16th Century Map of Asia -- Early Depiction of Southeast Asia, China and Japan***

Finely colored example of Gerard De Jode's map of Asia, published in his *Speculum Orbis Terrae*, in 1593.

Fascinating depiction of the Philippine Islands. Singapore is Sinapura. There is no sign of Korea and the shape of Japan is quite unusual.

The Great Wall of China is shown enveloping the northern Chinese border.

The map is also apparently the earliest appearance of the name Formosa (I. Ferosa) on a map printed in Europe.

The map is based on the monumental work of Giacomo di Gastaldi and significantly improves on De Jode's 1573 map of Asia, especially in its depiction of Southeast Asia, the Philippines and China. The first edition is shown here: [{{ inventory\\_detail\\_link\('45822'\) }}](#)

Title in decorative panel at the top with strapwork and two heads, seas with galleys, ships, sea monsters, fishermen; hunting men and tents on land.

Gerard De Jode was a contemporary of Abraham Ortelius. His *Speculum Orbis*, did not enjoy the same commercial success as Ortelius, making his maps very scarce and highly desirable.



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This map notes that it was done by Gerard De Jode himself.

**Detailed Condition:**

Minor restoration at centerfold