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### China Veteribus Sinarum Regio numc Incolis Tame dicta

**Stock#:** 68432  
**Map Maker:** Merian  
**Date:** 1636  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 13.5 x 10.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

This is a very attractive decorative map of China, showing the region from the northern Philippines to Tartaria. The map draws its inspiration on the Blaeus' map of the same title.

The map is highly detailed, with many lakes, cities, rivers, mountains and more being found throughout the region. The Great Wall of China is prominently featured, terminating at an elongated lake, the Lacus Cincui Hay. Many other large and mysterious lakes can be found in the interior of the continent. Korea is shown as an island. Japan is given reasonable detail, though missing Hokkaido. The Insulae Ladrone, an early name for the Mariana Islands, are marked.

Many provinces are named, adding to the interest of the map. The continental outline is roughly correct, though Indochina is very narrowed. To the northwest, Tartaria is sparsely populated, with a desert in the northeast. A note accompanies the Great Wall of China, explaining its purpose. The Ganges and its sister rivers flow from a trans-Himalayan lake.

The map includes a decorative cartouche. A ship flying a Dutch flag and a sea monster can be seen off the coast of Luzon. In all, this is a very attractive map of the Far East.

#### Detailed Condition: