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Mexico Regia et Celebris Hispaniae Novae Civitas (and) Cusco, Rengi Peru in Novo Orbe . . .

Stock#: 69402
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1572
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An exceptionally attractive example of Braun & Hogenberg's views of Mexico City and Cusco, among the earliest printed views of any American city.

These views were the only two American views in Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most influential book of town views from the 16th century.

Georg Braun wrote the following commentary on Mexico City, translated here:

Mexico, or Tenochtitlan, is a rich and important city in New Spain in the Mexican provinces, lying in a saltwater lake. There are many heathen temples here, which their priests live in; the most important amongst them is a temple whose quite incredible magnificence is described in detail by Hernan Cortés. They make their heathen images out of flour and human blood, and every day sacrifice a large number of human hearts to them, which they cut out of the living bodies. A magnificent palace belonging to the most powerful lord, Moctezuma, also stands here.

A translation of his commentary on Cusco follows:

The capital of Peru in the south of the New world is Cusco, a city so large, powerful and beautiful that it can easily rank alongside the most important cities in Spain and France [...] The streets are generally very straight with numerous crossroads and a stream flows down most streets. The city is particularly embellished by a wonderful palace that lies on a steep hill and has no compare in Europe.



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