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Santander

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Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1593
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14 x 12.5 inches
Price: \$ 575.00



Description:

Handsome example of Braun & Hogenberg's antique engraved view of Santander, Spain.

Santander and its surrounding bay are shown from the northeast. The image is dominated by the harbor, which indicates the importance of this city for trade in the region of Cantabria; after the discovery of America, trade with the New World took on great proportions.

Behind the harbor, the primary monument is the Iglesia colegial de los Cuerpos Santos, in which the bones of Saint Emeterius are kept; he was an early Christian martyr from whom the name Santander is derived.

Georg Braun's commentary translated to English reads:

The city of Santander lies in Hispania Tarraconensi on the Atlantic. [...] On the left, the sea comes right up below the walls and is channeled into the city through a ford. Here they have built a wall with human artistry and thus created a harbour shaped like bent arms. At the end of this wall a crane, in their language la grúa, has been erected, with which they can lift great loads.

Detailed Condition: