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Europa Vetus [Ancient Europe]

Stock#: 82034
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1658
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 22 x 32 inches Including Text
Price: \$ 450.00



Description:

Fine and rare map of Europe showing the continent as it stood during the classical era.

The map names many Roman cities, including Lutetia (Paris), Loniniu (London), Vindobona (Vienna), and, of course, Roma. The regional divisions at the time are shown.

Iceland is referred to as "Thule Insulae," which was the northernmost place known to classical civilization. While today it is thought that this refers to either a Norwegian island or the Orkneys, in the 17th century, it was believed to be a reference to Iceland.

This example of the map is particularly unusual. Adjoined to it, to the left, is a listing of the twelve regions into which Europe is divided on the map. These are in Latin, and names Gallia, Insulae Britannicae, and Illyricum Orientale, among others.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline with 17th-century manuscript text to left of map. Map mounted on a separate sheet of contemporary paper and joined with text. Small wormholes near centerfold and toning.