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Stock#: 87940
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1603
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 14.5 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Fine example of Abraham Ortelius's third map of Prussia (the second double-page map), from the Vistula River east to Lake Vištytis (Wistittens S.) and Olecko (Oletzko), and south to the Orzyc (Oorschitzes) River and the Wincenta (Vincent) stream of the Pisa (Pysch) River, which first appeared in 1595.

The immense medieval fortress Malbork Castle is pictured in Margenburg on the Nagot (Nogat) River, as well as the fortified cities of Kaliningrad (Konigsperg) and Gdansk (Dantzke). Men are fishing for amber, for which the area was known, off the west coast of the Sambian peninsula in the modern-day Kaliningrad Oblast. On the northern coast are lighthouses or watch towers.

Striking cartouche and two sailing ships.

Detailed Condition:

Latin text on verso. Minor discoloration at centerfold. Some peripheral ink in upper left margin.