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Luca Civitas Thusciae

Stock#: 95788
Map Maker: van der Aa
Date: 1715 circa
Place: Leiden
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 695.00



Description:

Luca, Civitas Thusciae, published by Pieter van der Aa in Leiden around 1715, offers a detailed bird's-eye view of the city of Lucca in Tuscany. It vividly portrays the city's fortifications and the encompassing moat, with buildings individually rendered in a three-dimensional perspective. Notable features are identified, including key churches, palaces, bridges, and other landmarks, providing a comprehensive depiction of the city during the early 18th century.

Lucca, a historic city in northern Tuscany, was known for its well-preserved Renaissance walls and rich architectural heritage. During the time the map was created, Lucca was a thriving independent city-state with an economy based on silk production. The fortifications, considered some of the most impressive in Europe, were a symbol of the city's autonomy and defensive prowess.

Pieter van der Aa's representation is remarkable for its attention to detail and artistic mastery. The three-dimensional rendering of buildings, the clear demarcation of fortifications, and the inclusion of specific landmarks provide a rich visual document of Lucca's urban landscape. The accompanying "Explicatio" serves as a key to the map, identifying significant sites such as S. Martino, S. Girolamo, Il Palazzo, and Ponte della Frotta, among others.

Detailed Condition:

Some flattened creases.