



The first printed map of the Pacific

ORTELIUS, Abraham.

Maris Pacifici, (quod vulgo Mar del Zur) cum regionibus circumiacentibus, insulasque in eodem passim sparsis, novissima descriptio.

Antwerp, 1592, Latin text edition. 345 x 495mm, with wide margins.

£5,500

An early example of the most sought-after of Ortelius's atlas maps, first published only two years earlier. Engraved in 1589, it pre-dates the concept of California as an island, has a huge island of New Guinea and an unrecognisable Japan. The south Pacific is filled with a vignette of the 'Victoria', Magellan's ship: his route through the Magellan Straits is shown, with Terra del Fuego depicted as part of the huge 'Terra Australis'.

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