



A classic 17th century map of Peru

BLAEU, Willem Janszoon.
Peru.

Amsterdam, c.1645, French text edition. Original colour. 380 x 490mm.

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A map of Peru, orientated with north to the left, also showing most of Ecuador and northern Chile, Potosi, the famous mountain of silver, is named. The plate was engraved by Jodocus Hondius Jnr, son of the Jodocus who purchased the Mercator plates. When he died in 1629 many of his plates were sold to Blaeu, much to the chagrin of the Hondius firm run by Henricus Hondius and Jan Jansson, who were forced to rush the engraving of new plates.

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