



17th century map of Chile

BLAEU, Willem Janszoon.
Chili.

Amsterdam, 1662, Latin text. Original colour. 360 x 485mm. Extra wide margins

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An early map of Chile, orientated with north to the left, showing Copiapo south to the Isla de Chiloé and the City of Castro, published in Blaeu's 'Atlas Major'. With such a long, thin country, Blaeu's ingenuity with decoration was stretched to the limit: a title cartouche, compass rose, one of the largest scale cartouches on a folio Blaeu map and a 5-point key on a scroll are all used to fill the empty space on the far side of the Andes. The sea has rhumb lines, two galleons, two sea monsters, another compass rose and a publisher's cartouche.

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