



The first printed map of the Pacific

ORTELIUS, Abraham.

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

Antwerp, 1592, Latin text edition. Old colour. 345 x 495mm.

£5,000

One of the most sought-after of Ortelius's atlas maps, first published in 1590 despite being 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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