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A view of Constantinople prepared as a transformation print

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[Vuë auprès de la Mosquée du Sultan Soliman et de Mohamet à Constantinople.]

Augsburg: Probst, c.1780. Original hand colour. Engraving, trimmed to printed border and laid on black-painted card. 305 x 445mm, holes cut in image, with coloured tissue pasted on reverse.

£680

This street scene in Constantinople was originally published as a 'vue-d'optique', made to be viewed through an optical viewer, giving perspective. This example has been made into a 'transformation print', with holes cut in the image so that, when held up to a bright light, windows appear to be lit up and stars shine in the sky.

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