



Ortelius's map of Italy in classical times

ORTELIUS, Abraham.
 Italiae Veteris Specimen.

Antwerp, 1595, Latin edition. Original colour. 350 x 490mm.

£1,200

A map of classical Italy, drawn by Ortelius himself for his 'Parergon', his atlas of the ancient world. The plate was first published in 1584: this is the last issue before it was replaced with a new plate in 1601. Van den Broecke estimates that only 975 examples of this plate were printed, as opposed to 3075 for its later replacement.

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