

Pair of 18th-Century Venetian Carved Camel-Hoof Stands

£495



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Height: 34 cm (13.4")

Width: 22 cm (8.7")

Depth: 38 cm (15")

Description

A wonderfully eccentric pair of large-scale carved camel hooves, probably Venetian and dating from the 18th century. Bold, tactile, and full of character, they are carved with the pronounced divisions and natural irregularity of the camel's hoof, transforming an unusual animal form into highly decorative sculptural objects.

Such fantastical and naturalistic carvings sit comfortably within the imaginative vocabulary of Venetian decorative arts, where exotic materials, Grand Tour taste, and playful ornament were often brought together to create objects of real theatrical presence. Their striking scale and unusual subject make this pair especially memorable.

Now ideally suited for use as lamp bases, they would bring warmth, wit, and a sense of the unexpected to an interior. Displayed as a pair on a console, mantelpiece, library table, or beside a bed, they would create an immediate focal point and work beautifully in both traditional and eclectic settings.

A rare and conversation-starting pair for collectors of Venetian decorative arts, unusual antique lighting, natural-history objects, or distinctive 18th-century furnishings.