

19th century ebony handled serving spoon

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Height: 33 cm (13")

Width: 6 cm (2.4")

Description

A large 19th century silver plate serving spoon with an ebony handle.

The spoon, a fundamental eating utensil, dates back to ancient civilisations, evolving from simple shells and wooden implements to more sophisticated forms. By the Middle Ages, spoons began to be crafted from metals, with silver becoming a popular choice for its durability. The development of silver spoons, especially notable in the 16th and 17th centuries, highlighted status and refinement.

In the 18th century, the addition of ebony handles to silver spoons marked a blend of opulence and practicality. Ebony, a dense, dark wood, provided a comfortable grip and an elegant contrast to the silver. This combination became popular in both everyday and ceremonial settings, reflecting the era's taste for luxurious and functional design. Over time, these silver and ebony-handled spoons have remained prized for their beauty, craftsmanship, and historical significance.