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19th-Century Ottoman Silver Filigree Belt with Tassels

£495

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Height: 4 cm (1.6")

Width: 84 cm (33.1")

Weight: 350 g

Description

A remarkable 19th-century Ottoman silver filigree belt, dating to circa 1860 and finely worked with a succession of ornate articulated links. Richly decorative yet designed to be worn, it is a beautiful example of the technical skill and expressive ornament associated with Ottoman silverwork.

Each link is intricately fashioned in delicate filigree, creating a lacy, openwork surface of scrolling wirework and stylised floral detail. The flexible construction allows the belt to follow the line of the body, while the elaborate buckle forms a dramatic focal point. Suspended from it are tassel pendants, which would have moved gently with the wearer, adding texture, sound, and a sense of ceremony to the piece.

Belts of this kind were important elements of traditional Ottoman dress, serving both a practical purpose and as a visible display of craftsmanship, prosperity, and regional identity. The combination of intricate silver filigree, repeated ornamental links, and tasselled buckle makes this example especially evocative of the elegance and pageantry of 19th-century Ottoman costume.

Now an exceptional decorative and collectible object, this belt would appeal to collectors of Ottoman and Islamic art, antique costume, ethnographic jewellery, and historic silver. It may be displayed as a complete work of metalwork or worn as a dramatic statement accessory.

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