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Antique Japanese Zogan Cigarette Case in Komai Style. £695.00

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This antique Japanese cigarette case showcases exquisite Zogan inlay work in the Komai style, a traditional Japanese technique combining intricate gold and silver inlays on an iron metal base.

Key Features:

Material: Iron metal with 24kt gold and silver inlays. Design: A serene Japanese lakeside scene featuring:

A Torii gate and winding path.

Pagoda-style architecture and homes among trees. Mount Fuji in silver, with reflections on a tranquil lake.

Interior: Includes a strap for securing cigarettes.

Signature: Marked "24k" on the back, confirming the use of gold.

Historical and Artistic Context:

Komai Style: Originating from Kyoto in the late 19th century, Komai inlays are renowned for their intricate craftsmanship and cultural motifs.

Period: Likely from the late Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho (1912–1926) period, when such work was at its peak.

Cultural Symbolism: The imagery reflects Japan's spirituality and natural beauty, including iconic motifs like Mount Fuji and Torii gates.

Dimensions-

Size: 15.5 x 8 x 0.7 cm Weight: 148 grams

Condition: Vibrant gold and silver inlays; minor surface wear and light tarnishing consistent with age. No significant damage or repairs.

Origin Asian

Period Early 1900s

Condition Good

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