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OTTOMAN TURKISH SHERBET SPOON

A FINE OTTOMAN TURKISH SHERBET SPOON WITH A TORTOISESHELL BOWL AND A CARVED CORAL STEM SURMOUNTED WITH A LARGE BRANCHED RED CORAL FINIAL

LATE 18TH CENTURY

SIZE: 26.5CM LONG, 12CM WIDE – 10½ INS LONG, 4¾ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

EXOTIC AND BEAUTIFUL MATERIALS WERE SOURCED TO MAKE THESE SPOONS THAT THE LADIES OF THE HAREM AT TOPKAPI PALACE IN ISTANBUL USED WHEN SHARING THEIR COMMUNAL COMPOTES OF SOAKED DRIED FRUIT KNOWN AS 'HOSAF'. SWEET TREATS SUCH AS THIS COLD FRUIT SHERBET WERE PART OF DAILY LIFE AT THE COURT OF THE OTTOMANS.