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JAPANESE IRON BOUND SEA CHEST

\$3,380

c. 1800 • Japan • Pine, Iron • Collection #CMCL064

W: 12.5" D: 17.5" H: 14.25"

This fantastic iron-bound lock box is a 19th-century Japanese sea chest known as *kakesuzuri*. Used on merchant vessels traveling the Japanese trade route known as *Kitamae*, sea chests were built to withstand bad weather and tumultuous currents, almost exclusively crafted of dense hardwoods and strong iron reinforcements. Typically owned by captains and ship-owners, sea chests were used to display elevated social status in addition to protecting personal belongings.

This small, Edo-period *kakesuzuri* sea chest is expertly crafted of pine with a rectangular body and a front-facing door with five side hinges, cross reinforcements, and a large ornate lock plate. Continued...



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The door opens to reveal six interior drawers, two with additional locking hardware. The exterior is richly aged with a beautiful, dark patina that calls to be touched.

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Door key included.



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