



ANTIQUE CHINESE EXPORT TEA CHEST

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An antique Chinese export tea chest with intricate hand-carved wood relief scenes depicting figures, landscapes and architectural details framed by geometric borders and floral patterns. It has a beautiful aged patina finish that makes it truly exceptional, etched antique-brass hardware, and recessed handles on the sides. Tea chests like this were created during the height of the 18th and 19th century export trade, when China supplied Europe and America with prized teas. These chests not only transported tea, they were decorative objects often presented as luxury items symbolic of refinement and status. A beautiful functional piece of art and Chinese cultural history!

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