

Pair Of Blue And White Baluster Temple Jars

£1,550



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Height: 66 cm (26")

Diameter: 34 cm (13.4")

Description

Large Pair Of Blue & White Oriental Temple Urns.

A striking pair of late 19th century Chinese blue and white temple jars, richly decorated with elegant aquatic motifs and crowned with traditional guardian finials. These statement pieces beautifully echo the artistry of early Chinese ceramics while offering timeless decorative appeal for modern interiors. Each jar is crafted in a classic baluster form, showcasing finely hand-painted cobalt blue fish swimming dynamically among flowing aquatic plants and lotus stems. The design draws inspiration from 14th-century Yuan dynasty porcelain, celebrated for its expressive brushwork and bold, fluid compositions. The decorative motif is more than ornamental; it carries rich cultural significance. In Chinese tradition, fish are associated with prosperity, abundance, and harmony, making these jars both beautiful and meaningful additions to a space. The domed lids are crowned with guardian fu dogs (lions), symbols of strength, protection, and authority, historically placed to ward off negative energy and safeguard sacred or important spaces.

Temple jars of this type were traditionally found in palaces and ceremonial settings, used as decorative or symbolic objects rather than for storage. They differ from smaller ginger jars, which were practical vessels for spices and goods.

A great pair of statement pieces, their scale and ornamentation ideal for consoles or sideboards, bookshelf accessories, or converted into lamp bases.