
PAGODA RED



BLUE AND WHITE RICE BOWL

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c. 1900 • China • Porcelain • Collection #QQQ325I

H: 2.5" Dia: 6.0"

This late 19th-century footed bowl would have been offered by Chinese traders traveling along the Silk Road in exchange for spices or gems. The Chinese artisans who hand-painted it with scrolls, loops, and crossed lines thought the meandering decorations resembled Perso-Arabic calligraphy. Tucked within the swirling pattern is the Chinese symbol of double happiness, a blessing of happiness and good fortune for the recipient, whose name is likely etched onto the base of the bowl. Continued...



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This bowl would have been used every day for food and drink, and lives on as keepsake of the cultural history spanning from East to West Asia.



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