



MINIATURE TIBETAN TRAVELING SHRINE

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c. 1900 • Tibet • Brass, Steel, Leather • Collection #BJBB041

W: 2.25" D: 1.5" H: 7.5"

Tibetan traveling shrines, known as gau, were believed to offer protective powers and were used to hold and carry sacred objects during long journeys. Crafted over a century ago, a Buddhist follower may have purchased this intricate gau while on a religious pilgrimage to a temple or holy site. It is decorated in repoussé of exquisitely formed auspicious symbols, with a central panel depicting a hand-formed Buddha. Followers would often donate the shrines to the temple as an expression of their religious devotion, or take them home as mementos of their journey. Continued...



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This traveling shrine is mounted on a custom steel stand.



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