

Chinese carved jade dragon

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Height: 1 cm (0.4")

Width: 5 cm (2")

Depth: 3 cm (1.2")

Description

An 18th/19th century Chinese carved jade dragon resting upon a lotus leaf.

Chinese jade carving is a traditional art form with a history spanning over 7,000 years. Highly valued in Chinese culture, jade symbolises purity, beauty, and moral integrity.

Skilled artisans carefully shape and polish jade using specialised tools, often creating intricate designs of animals, flowers, and mythical symbols. Historically, jade carvings were used in rituals, ornaments, and burial objects, reflecting social status and spiritual beliefs. The hardness of jade makes carving challenging, requiring patience and precision.

Today, Chinese jade carving remains an important cultural heritage, combining ancient techniques with modern artistic expression and continuing to represent elegance and cultural identity.