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About us

Zen Antiques, an **authentic Japanese antiques store**, was founded in 2023 by Hideki Tahara, with a wish that unique Japanese antiques are widely enjoyed and appreciated by European customers. Therefore, we base ourselves in Belgium, in the heart of Europe.

We rejoice the culture of our mother country, Japan, for the valuable artefacts, inherited techniques, and unique traits from earlier generations. We respect & love our ancestors for the creativity, craftsmanship, and the smile-inviting playfulness.

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Japanese 'Isho Tansu (衣装箆笥)' are traditional chests used for storing clothing, textiles, and personal belongings. "Isho" translates to "clothing" or "apparel," indicating the primary purpose of these chests.

These chests typically feature a variety of drawers, compartments, and sliding panels, allowing for efficient organization of clothing and accessories. The design of Isho Tansu often reflects the needs of the users, with specialised compartments for different types of garments, such as kimono (着物), obi (帯, sashes), and accessories like fans and combs.

The 'Choba Tansu' or 'Dansu (帳場箆笥)' serves as a chest of drawers strategically placed near the cashier's register in a merchant's house, storing essential items crucial for business operations, including money, valuables, and account books.

Designed with security in mind, many of these chests feature hidden compartments or intricate mechanisms to safeguard their contents, ensuring they remain concealed and protected, especially in the event of theft.

衣装箆笥



Tall 'Choba Tansu (帳場箆笥)' – Antique Japanese Cabinet
€ 2.980

Dimensions: H 162 cm, W 90 cm, D 41 cm
 Period: Meiji (1868-1912) / Taisho (1912-1926)
 Material: Cryptomeria
 Product no.: D23086



'Fuji (富士) Isho Tansu (衣装箆笥)' – Antique Japanese Chest
€ 2.480

Dimensions: H 129cm, W 104cm, D 46cm
 Period : Meiji (1868-1912) / Taisho (1912-1926)
 Material: Zelkova serrata /Cryptomeria japonica
 Product no.: D23016



'Kinchaku (巾着) Ishou Tansu (衣装箆笥)' – Antique Japanese Costume Chest
€ 2.480

Dimensions: H 105cm, W 89cm, D 46cm
 Period: Meiji (1868-1912) / Taisho (1912-1926)
 Material: Zelkova serrata /Cryptomeria japonica
 Product no.: D23015



Antique Japanese Smiling Ink – Stone Box
€ 340

Dimensions: H 23cm, W 18cm, D 28cm
 Period: Meiji (1868-1912) / Taisho (1912-1926)
 Material: Zelkova serrata/Cryptomeria japonica
 Product no.: D23037

Screens / Panels / Doors

Japanese 'Ranma (欄間)' refer to a traditional wooden transom or decorative panel typically found above sliding doors or partitions in traditional Japanese architecture.

Ranma are intricately crafted and often feature intricate carvings or latticework, depicting natural motifs, geometric patterns, or scenes from folklore and mythology. These panels serve both functional and aesthetic purposes, allowing for airflow and natural light while also adding beauty and elegance to interior spaces.

Ranma panels are valued for their craftsmanship, cultural significance, and contribution to the overall ambiance of traditional Japanese buildings.

Antique Japanese 'Shishi (獅子)' Room Divider, a majestic pattern on its bright wood-colored surface, complemented by a solid black lacquer frame that exudes elegance. The pictures depicted on the screen are incredibly realistic, rendered with beautiful colors and sophisticated techniques that captivate the viewer's imagination.

**Antique Japanese Chrysanthemum
'Ranma (欄間)' (Transom)**
€ 1.580

Dimensions: H 44cm, W 176cm, D 40cm
(x 2 pieces)
Period: Taisho (1912-1926) / early Showa
(1926-1989)
Material: cypress
The price is for the set (2 pieces)
Product no.: D23052



**Antique Japanese 'Shishi (獅子)' Room
Divider**
€ 1.780

Dimensions: H 102 cm, W 120 cm, D 34 cm
Period: early Showa (1926-1989)
Material: Zelkova / Cryptomeria
Product no.: D23048

**Antique Japanese Swallow 'Ranma (欄
間)' (Transom)**
€ 880

Dimensions: H 29cm, W 121cm, D 26cm
Period (eat.): Taisho (1912-1926) / early Showa
(1926-1989)
Material: Zelkova
Product no.: D23049



Artifacts

'Kokeshi' dolls are traditional wooden toy dolls originating from the 'Tohoku (東北)' region, the northern part of Japan's main island, where they have been sold as souvenirs to visitors of hot spring resorts since the late Edo period (1804-). These dolls are considered one of Japan's traditional crafts and are crafted by skilled artisans.

Japanese stone lanterns have indeed played a significant role in Japanese religious and cultural practices for centuries. Originating as facilities for lighting within Buddhist temples, they served practical purposes during daytime worship, purifying fire, and providing illumination. Over time, their significance expanded beyond temples to include shrines during the Edo period (1603-1868).

Antique Japanese pottery encompasses a wide range of forms and styles, each reflecting the cultural, aesthetic, and technological influences of its time.



'Kokeshi (こけし)' – Antique Japanese Dolls

€35 – €80

Size: 21 cm – 46 cm

Period: early Showa (1926-1989)

Product no.: D23091



Two-Tone Antique Japanese Vase
€ 85

Dimensions: H 24cm, W 12cm, D 12cm

Period: early Showa (1926-1989)

Product no.: D23088



Antique Japanese Bronze Lantern
€ 1.280

Dimensions: H 49cm, W 27cm, D 27cm

Period: early Showa (1926-1989)

Material: Bronze

Product no.: D23080

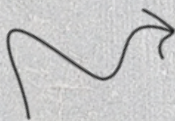


Antique Japanese Brown Pot
€ 200

Dimensions: H 28cm, W 26cm, D 26cm

Period: early Showa (1926-1989)

Product no.: D23060



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