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## Coconut Bugbear Flask

REF: 82266

Height: 12.5 cm (4.9") Width: 8 cm (3.1") Depth: 10 cm (3.9")

**£395**



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A Bugbear Flask carved out of a coconut.

Sailors from a number of countries would carve green coconuts to while away the time on a long journey. This Bugbear Flask shows 4 scenes around the oval coconut; a huntsman with a rifle and dog, armour, drums, flags and other symbols of war, a shield above a follower with fronds to its sides and lastly, a tomb with a heart above, attended by an angel with a torch to light the way. To one end you have the Bugbear's face with a beard, eyebrows, an open eye and mouth and the other eye closed. To the bottom is a simple pattern with leaves.

Bugbears were made throughout most of the 19th Century and sometimes fitted with silver mouthpieces for use as a gun flask. 19th Century.