

RUGS DESCRIPTION

Rug Number	CU-1151
Title	Antique Indian Agra Rug
Size	11ft 03in X 14ft 09in 3m 42cm X 4m 49cm



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During much of the history of the Indian Mughal Empire, Agra was the capital, and architects, artists and artisan, including carpet weavers, were brought here from all over the Muslim world to enhance the city's beauty. The remarkable architecture of Agra still exists today. From the early 17th century onward, wonderful carpets were woven there, most in allover palmette patterns on rich red grounds. These antique Indian carpets have always been desirable as aristocratic room décor. Agra carpets of the 19th century are equally desirable and are prized for their rich tonality, large square sizes and traditional patterns. Many carpets from the later 19th century were woven by prisoners in the Agra City Jail for export to Britain.
