

## RUGS DESCRIPTION

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<b>Rug Number</b>	U-1365
<b>Title</b>	Antique Turkish Oushak Rug
<b>Size</b>	12ft 04in X 20ft 06in 3m 75cm X 6m 24cm



### Description:

Antique Turkish Oushak Rug 12'4 x 20'6. Oushak carpets from the turn of the nineteenth century are among the currently most desirable of all oriental room size rugs. It is easy to see why when considering this nearly palace sized piece. The salmon field displays an all over repeating pattern of saw tooth edged hexagons and matching diagonal stylized leaves. The field is further decorated by highly formal palmettes, diamond arrays, small cruciforms and other abstract motives. The source of the design lies far back with the traditional Persian harshang pattern. Although the design covers the field, there is no sense of busyness or crowding. The elements float freely. The middle blue main border alternates skeletal tulips with cross-centered lozenges. The best period for these decorative Oushaks is 1890 to 1914. This type of Oushak was probably produced by the giant British carpet company Oriental Carpet Manufacturers. They had strict standards regarding quality and most of the Oushaks of the period are their work. This extra-large carpet has held up very well and it will continue to serve well for further generations of appreciative owners. The construction is all wool, the pile is long.

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