

GALERIE GOLCONDA

ARCHÉOLOGIE MUSÉALE
FOSSILES – BIJOUX RARES ET ANCIENS
CABINET DE CURIOSITÉS DES GRANDES CIVILISATIONS

CERTIFICATE

BALSAMARIUM WITH GLOBULAR BODY ROMAN ERA

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: balsamarium with globular body and flared neck in glass. Iridescent green colour. Good state of preservation.

ORIGIN: Pliny the Elder (*Naturalis historica*, year 77) describes how by the hazards of the whims of fire, Phoenicians seafarers discovered on a beach in the Mediterranean that blocks of heated soda on sand can be vitrified. The first glass objects seem to have been Egyptian beads dating back to 2500 BC. Glass blowing was invented by the Babylonians around 250 BC and underwent little change until the 18th century.

DIMENSIONS: Height: 8.5 cm (3.3") - Width: 5 cm (1.9")

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