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Polychrome Gilded and Cut-Glass Decanter with Finial Stopper

19th century

Czech Republic (Bohemia)

Ottoman Market

Colored and colorless glass, pigments, gilding

Overall: 18 1/4 x 5 1/2 in. (46.4 x 14cm)

This crystal glass decanter (one of a pair) is made from clear blue and white glass, and painted with swirling designs illuminated with gold leaf.

This type of vessel would have decorated wealthy Syrian homes in the 1800s and 1900s. Carved crystal glass vessels like this one were commonly produced in factories in Bohemia, although they were also exported from other parts of Europe for sale to the Ottoman market.