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Carved Marble Archway with Floral Motifs

1935-1938

India (Agra and New Delhi)

Marble

.1) 90 1/2 x 70 5/8 x 3 1/2 in. .2) 96 x 48 1/8 in.

The pointed arches of the Mughal Gallery were inspired by the architecture of Mughal India. This style of arch and other architectural attributes were brought to the Indian subcontinent by the Mughals whose ancestors, the Timurids, originated in Central Asia. However, unlike Central Asian architecture, which was often elaborately ornamented ceramic tile, Mughal architecture developed new aesthetics in the hands of Indian artists working in local materials such as white marble and sandstone.