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CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG  
HANDBAGS & ACCESSORIES DEPARTMENT

presents

***A COLLECTION OF ICONIC LOUIS VUITTON TRUNKS  
THROUGH THE AGES***

Live Auction | Hong Kong | 27 November  
Preview | Hong Kong | 14 – 19 November

## RARE VINTAGE VS MODERN PIECES



**A RARE, ZINC EXPLORER TRUNK**

LOUIS VUITTON, 1886  
HK\$300,000 - 400,000/ US\$39,000 - 52,000



**A LIMITED EDITION BLACK RAINBOW  
MONOGRAM MALLE COURRIER 110 TRUNK WITH  
RUTHÉNIUM HARDWARE BY VIRGIL ABLOH**

LOUIS VUITTON, 2019  
HK\$400,000 - 500,000/ US\$52,000 - 65,000

**Hong Kong** – Christie's is delighted to offer a remarkable selection of iconic trunks by Louis Vuitton, manufactured between 1886 to 2019, in the upcoming live auction on 27 November. These trunks represent not only the evolution of travel through the centuries but also the craftsmanship and innovation of luggage design by this legendary French fashion house.

Beginning his career as a maker of boxes in the 1830s, Louis Vuitton introduced numerous radical designs and became the travel goods manufacturer of choice among the European aristocracy. In the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, explorers and adventurers wanted luggage which would safeguard their most precious possessions, so Louis Vuitton created the Explorer collection, featuring hardwearing zinc, copper, aluminium and brass pieces, which today often fetches record prices at Christie's auctions. An example of this is **a rare, zinc explorer trunk manufactured in 1886** (shown top left, estimate: HK\$300,000 - 400,000/ US\$39,000 - 52,000).

Through the ages, Louis Vuitton constantly updated and innovated their classic models, which is particularly the case under the leadership of the current menswear artistic director Virgil Abloh. As part of his Fall/Winter 2019 runway show, he presented a Michael-Jackson inspired collection that saw bright neon colour combinations woven throughout his designs. The standout of the show included **a classic Malle Courrier trunk updated to feature a modern neon rainbow gradation and Abloh's signature 'X'**, which will be offered at auction coming November. This innovative design perfectly balances today's contemporary urban styling with the maison's luxury craftsmanship (shown top right, estimate: HK\$400,000 - 500,000/ US\$52,000 - 65,000).

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OTHER EXCEPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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**A BLACK EPI LEATHER TRUNK WITH  
BRASS HARDWARE MODIFIED AS  
AN IPHONE SPEAKER TRUNK BY  
BERNADINI MILANO**

LOUIS VUITTON, 2000S  
HK\$28,000 - 38,000/ US\$3,700 - 4,900



**A CUSTOM MONOGRAM MALLE COURRIER  
LOZINE 100 TRUNK WITH  
ORANGE LINING & BRASS HARDWARE**

LOUIS VUITTON, 2010S  
HK\$80,000 - 100,000/ US\$11,000 - 13,000



**A LIMITED EDITION GREEN TUFFETAGE  
MONOGRAM WALLET TRUNK  
WITH GREEN HARDWARE BY VIRGIL ABLOH**

LOUIS VUITTON, 2020  
HK\$45,000 - 60,000/ US\$5,800 - 7,800



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## NOTES TO EDITOR

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**Preview:**

Hong Kong | 14 – 19 November | 22/F, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central

Auction: [Handbags & Accessories](#)

Date & Time: 27 November 2020, 12nn

Location: Hall 3C, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No. 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

More information on Christies.com:

[Collecting Guide: 10 things to know about Louis Vuitton handbags and trunks](#)

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