

Kris

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: religious or cult object; weapons and armament; metalwork; carving

Date of production: 19 – 20th century

Place of production: Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Technique: steel, wood, carved
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Dimensions: length: 41 cm
width: 15 cm

Straight-bladed kris (Indonesian: keris), with an authentic Javanese carved handle and a wooden sheath - the latter, however, is a Hungarian replacement.

For the Indonesians, the kris is much more than a simple weapon, it is a spectacular and effective expression of Javanese spirituality, a bearer of spiritual power, a symbol of heroism, and a status symbol.

