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Iznik Border Tile

Ottoman Turkey, Late 16th century

Fritware with underglaze decoration

27.5cm high, 21cm wide

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The larger section of this Iznik border tile is comprised of interlocking scrolling arabesques, highlighted with turquoise and red, against a deep blue background. The smaller section is decorated with a carnation, a tulip, and saz leaves against a red ground, all of which are typical of the period 1560-1580.¹ The use of red dates this piece to after 1550, when Iznik potters discovered a type of slip which turned red when fired.

¹ Hitzel, Frédéric and Jacotin, Mireille. *Iznik: L'aventure d'une collection*. Paris: Éditions de la Réunion des musées nationaux, 2005. Pp. 119, 133.