



ARNOLD & SON
LONDON 1764

HORNET JAMES COOK SET

With the Hornet James Cook Set, Arnold & Son, preferred supplier of marine timepieces to the Royal Navy in the 18th century, commemorates the discoveries of famous English explorer, Captain James Cook.

Scenes of his three voyages around the world serve as subjects for the dials :

**‘The Landing at Botany Bay in Australia’ – ‘The Discovery of Antartica’
– ‘The Death in Hawai’**



This edition is limited to 25 sets of 3 timepieces and is presented in a luxury wooden box. The timepieces feature a Swiss automatic and exclusive Arnold & Son movement.



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‘The Landing at Botany Bay in Australia’

1ST voyage 1768-1771 HMS Endeavour : Eastern Coastline of Australia

Transit of Venus across the sun - mapping of coastline of complete New Zealand, first recorded encountering of eastern coastline of Australia by a European - first recorded direct observation of indigenous Australians - collecting of local plants and specimens activities.



1st James Cook voyage



Dial of the timepiece

‘The Discovery of Antarctica’

2ND voyage, 1772-1775 HMS Resolution and HMS Adventure

Use of two Arnold’s Marine Chronometers - Proving ‘Terra Australis Incognita’ to be a myth - Exploration of coastline of Antarctica, New Zealand, Australia - Cook invited a young Tahitian Omai as an additional member on his boat.



2nd James Cook voyage



Dial of the timepiece



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'The Death in Hawai'

3rd voyage, 1776-1779 HMS Resolution and HMS Discovery

First recorded encountering of Hawaii by a European - Investigation of the existence of the 'Northwest Passage' - Sailing along the coast of Alaska - End of voyage has determined on 14 February 1779 while James Cook was killed by a riot.



3rd James Cook voyage



Dial of the timepiece

Main technical characteristics:

Calibre: A1766

Exclusive Arnold & Son mechanical movement, self-winding, 41 jewels, diameter 38.55 mm, thickness 7.05 mm, power reserve 42 h, 28'800 vibrations/h

Functions: hours, minutes, multiple time zone display, mean solar time, big date display at 5 o'clock

Movement decoration: rhodium treated with fine circular graining and 'Côtes de Genève

Dial colour: dial with hand-touch up painting



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- Case: 18-carat rose gold case, diameter 47 mm, cambered sapphire with anti-reflective coating on both sides, case back metallic sapphire, water-resistant to 50 m
- Strap: hand-stitched brown alligator leather
- References: 1H6AP.D05A.C60B 'The landing at Botany Bay'
1H6AP.D06A.C60B 'The discovery of Antarctica'
1H6AP.D07A.C60B 'The death in Hawaii'

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