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Mexican Tortoiseshell and Mother-of-Pearl Box

Possibly Guadalajara, Mexico, 18th century

Wood veneered with tortoiseshell and mother-of-pearl

13 cm high, 20.8 cm wide, 10.6 cm deep

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The tortoiseshell veneered box is of rectangular form on a wooden carcass; the inside of the box is painted in red. The bevelled cover and body with inlaid mother-of-pearl florets, diamond, circular and star-shaped rosettes with animals including birds and dogs throughout. On the front of the box, a double-headed eagle is depicted with a crown above flanked by a lion and a unicorn.