



VINTAGE FRENCH OUTDOOR WEATHERED CARVED STONE TURTLE

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Decorate an outside front door or a backyard with this elegant tortue (French for turtle). Crafted in southern France and made of stone, the heavy tortoise is set on its flat and stable shell. Captured in a crawling position the reptile has a wise and gentle expression, further embellished shell scutes and claws in high relief. The stone animal is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns a rich patinated antique weathered finish with evidence of outdoor use. The sculptural art would make a great addition to any garden or outdoor space. The sculpture weighs 176 pounds. The word "turtle" comes from the French "tortue," which traces back to the Latin "tartaruchus," meaning "of the underworld," reflecting ancient beliefs about their mysterious and enduring nature. In some cultures, turtles hold significant symbolic and spiritual meaning, representing longevity, stability, and wisdom. Measures: 20"W x 29" D x 12.5" H.