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- The term "garnet" refers to a variety of gemstones. These gemstones are composed of closely-related minerals and appear in a rainbow of colors
- There are more than twenty garnet categories, called species
- The gemstone is relatively durable. It has the potential to last for thousands of years with proper care
- Depending on type, garnet hardness ranges from 6.5 to 7.5 on the Mohs scale
- Garnet is the birthstone of January and a symbol for the 2nd wedding anniversary
- The King of Saxony is believed to have owned over 465 carats of garnet
- Garnets were widely traded during the first century
- A red garnet bead necklace discovered in an Egyptian grave is believed to be over 5,000 years old!

Mozambique Garnet

- Named after the east African country they come from, Mozambique Garnet has color that is warm, deep red, and similar to that of Ruby
- Compared to Rhodolite Garnet, Mozambique is more of a pure red and its tone is slightly darker
- Mozambique Garnet does not have to come from Mozambique
- Gems often get their original name from where they were first discovered, then when the same gem is found in other locations around the world, as long as they meet certain criteria







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Dyrope Garnet

- Pyrope Garnet is the most commonly known of the red garnets
- Pyrope has more magnesium content than Almandine which has more iron content
- The word "pyrope" comes from the Greek word "puropus" meaning "fire-eyed"
- Large deposits of Pyrope Garnet were discovered in central Europe in the 16th century
- Bohemian Pyrope Garnet from the Czech Republic is still mined today
- Pyrope Garnet sources include China, Madagascar, Myanmar, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and the United States
- Dark-red shades of pyrope garnet is found in small sized stones., bigger gems tend to be very dark, coming close to black





Phodolite Garnet

- Rhodolite garnet is a raspberry-red or purplish-red colored garnet
- This gemstone gets its name from the Greek word, "rhodon", meaning "rose colored" referring to the purple/red tones
- Rhodolite Garnet is comprised of equal amounts of iron and magnesium, a mix of Pyrope and Almandine
- Rhodolite can be found in Brazil, Burma (Myanmar),
 China, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Sri Lanka
 (Ceylon), South Africa, Tanzania, the USA and
 Zimbabwe.





Anthill Garnet

- Anthill Garnets are typically very small, any stone larger than one carat is extremely rare
- The "ruby red" color found in this gem is due to traces of Aluminum found in the area of formation
- The word Garnet comes from "gernet", meaning "dark red" and was derived from the Latin word granum, meaning "grain" or "seed" like that of a pomegranate
- Anthill garnet is found on the Navajo reservation in Arizona and is NOT commercially mined, it is mined by ants

Anthill Garnet This garnet variety has sometimes been identified as ARIZONA RUBY or CHROME PYROPE.



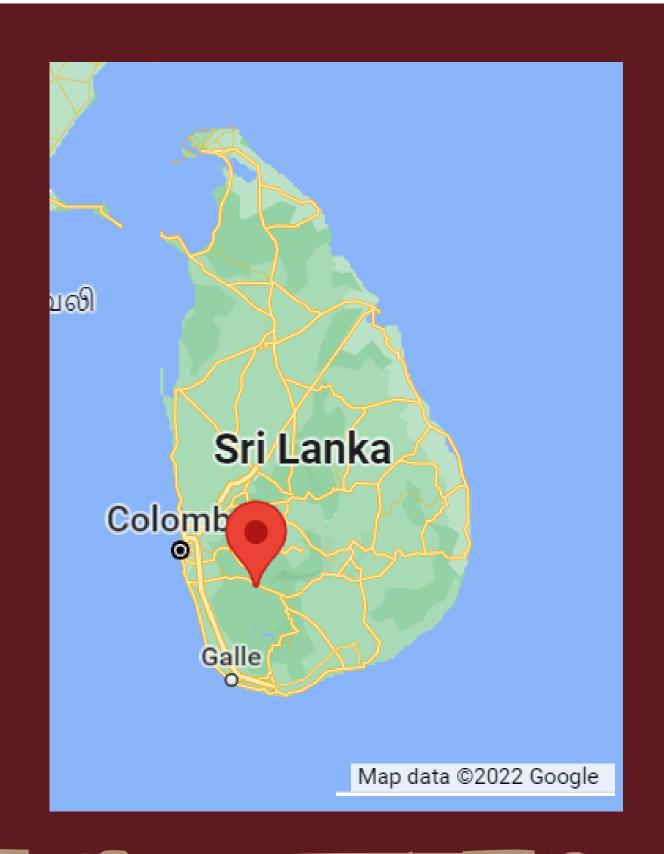
Ceylon Imperial Garnet

- Ceylon Imperial Garnet is a rare gemstone found and mined in Sri Lanka; it has wonderful inner fire and dispersity
- Displays a pleasant orangish yellow hue similar to cinnamon due to presence of iron and manganese metal ions in the crystal structure
- 100% Natural gem, no known treatment
- Due to very limited availability, we are not able to predict gem supply and future offerings





Mined in Ratnapura, Ratnapura District, Sabaragamuwa Province, Sri Lanka

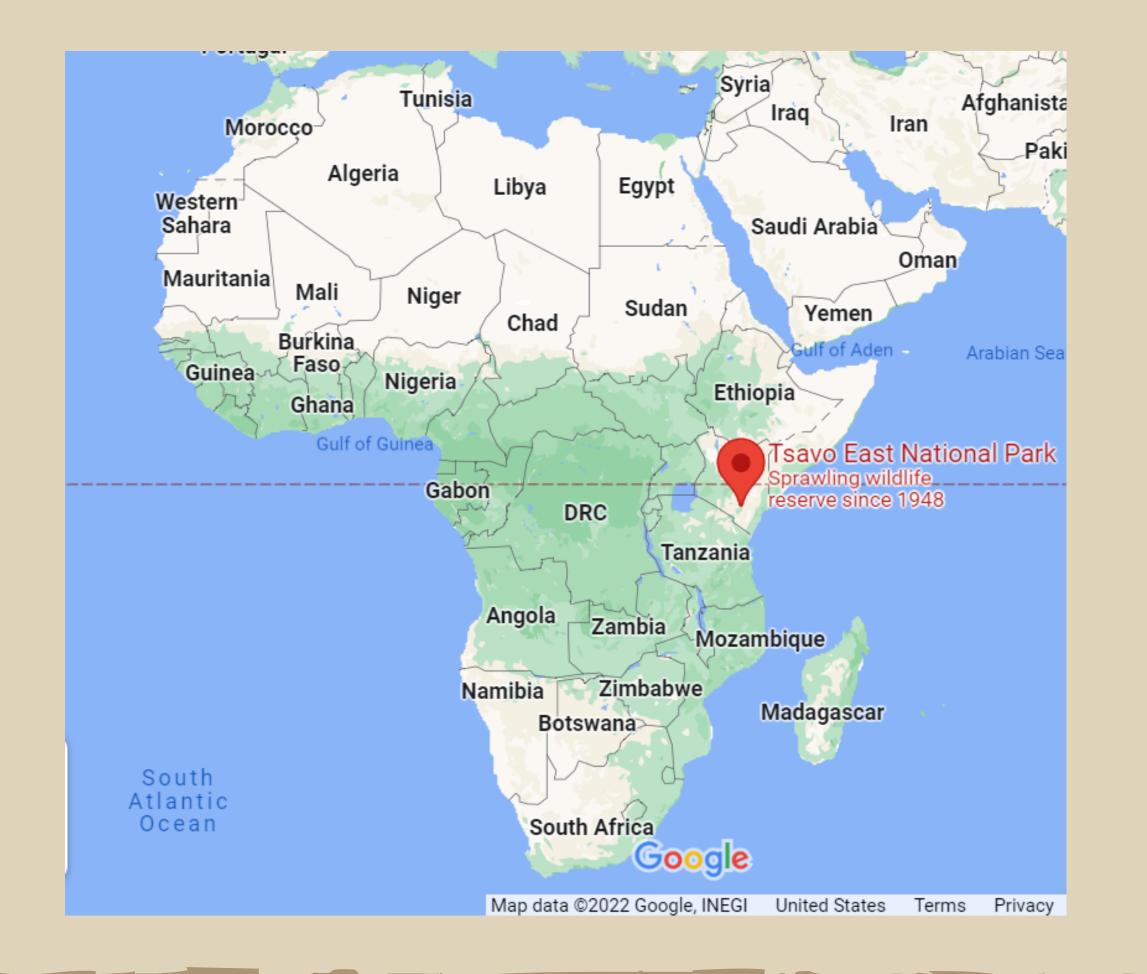


Tsavorite Garnet

- Tsavorite Garnet is named after the Tsavo East National Park in Kenya
- It was here that a rich deposit of the green gems was discovered in the late 1960's by geologist Campbell Bridges, the same man who first found Tanzanite
- Unique and a rich form of Garnet with a stunningly vivid green color
- Tsavorite Garnets don't receive any treatment or enhancement
- Around 200 times rarer than the much better-known Emerald
- Tsavorite and Emerald have similar hardness, but when we compare overall Tsavorite is tougher than Emerald which has more fractures and inclusions. Tsavorite is a relatively "clean" gemstone
- Sometimes also called "Tsavolite", this gemstone became popular via a marketing campaign by Tiffany & Co. in the 1970's. Their ad described this new gemstone as "far more durable and far less expensive than emeralds"







Blue Garnet

- It used to be said that Garnet was available in "all colors except blue". That is, until a discovery in 1998 in the Bekily mines located in south Madagascar.
- Blue Garnets are the rarest of all Garnets
- It is also a color change gemstone like Alexandrite but in this instance the change is from a blue to a stunning purplish pink
- The color is typically a dark saturated greenish blue and is totally unlike other blue gems, e.g., Topaz (Sky Blue, Swiss Blue, London Blue). It exhibits color similar to the violet-blue of Tanzanite and the teal-blue of Spinel
- The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) confirmed this new gem to be a blue variety of Garnet just recently in 2018!
- This is exciting for January babies with a new blue gem birthstone color choice



Madagascar





Cleaning Guide



- Garnets are considered stable to light and most chemicals. However, we always recommend to avoid harsh chemicals with all of your gemstones
- Clean with warm mild soapy water
- Cleaning in an ultrasonic cleaner is usually safe except for stones that have fractures. If unsure, avoid the ultrasonic
- Avoid sudden temperature changes
- Never use steam cleaning for Garnets
- Wearing jewelry in pools, hot tubs and saunas is not recommended







New Arivals

















Thank You

Stay tuned for our Garnet shows all summer long!









