



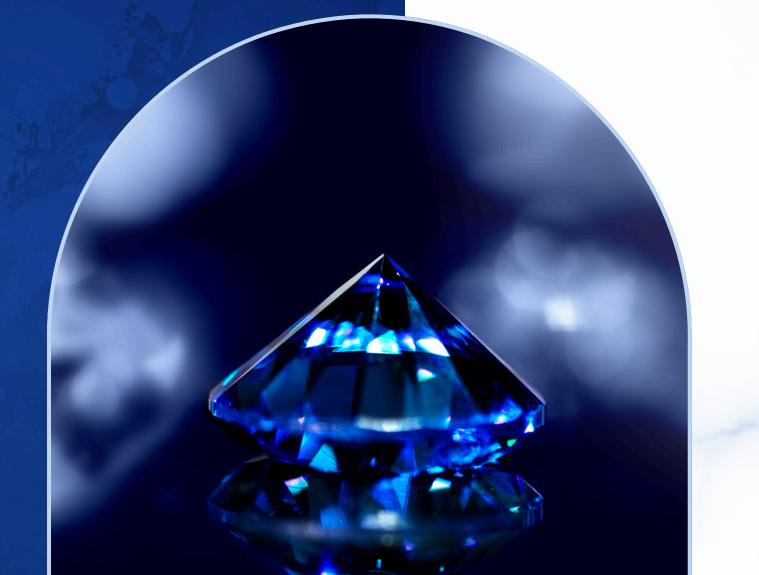
# Sapphire Sapphire













A variety of the mineral corundum.



Desirable gemstone due to its excellent color, hardness, durability, and luster.



Sapphire is one of the four precious gemstones.

## Introduction to Blue Sapphire

- Composition: Blue Sapphire is a variety of the mineral corundum, which is composed of aluminum oxide.
- **Color:** Its deep blue color is caused by traces of iron and titanium. While blue is the most famous color, sapphires can come in various colors.
- Rarity: High-quality Blue Sapphires, especially those with intense color and clarity, are rare and highly sought after.
- **Durability:** Blue Sapphire is not only valued for its beauty but also for its durability, being second only to diamonds in hardness, with a Mohs scale score of 9.





## History of Blue Sapphire

#### **ANCIENT ORIGINS**

- **Early Use:** Blue sapphires have been used since ancient times, with records of their use dating back to ancient Greece and Rome.
- **Symbolism:** In antiquity, they were believed to symbolize purity and wisdom. They were also associated with the gods and used in religious artifacts.

#### **MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE PERIODS**

- **Medieval Europe:** During the medieval period, blue sapphires were highly prized by European royalty. They were often set in crowns and religious relics. They were believed to have protective properties and to bring divine favor.
- Famous Examples: The Star of India, a large star sapphire, was discovered in the 19th century and became renowned in the world's gemstone market.

## History of Blue Sapphire

#### **MODERN ERA**

- Mining and Discovery: Significant deposits were discovered in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), Myanmar (formerly Burma), and Madagascar in the 19th and 20th centuries. Each region contributed unique qualities to the sapphire's appeal.
- Royal Endorsement: Blue sapphires have been featured in iconic jewelry pieces, such as Princess Diana's engagement ring (now worn by Kate Middleton) and the British Crown Jewels.
- **Contemporary Use:** Today, blue sapphires are popular in fine jewelry, engagement rings, and high-value collections, reflecting their enduring allure and historical significance.



## Famous Blue Sapphires & Locations

#### **SIGNIFICANT MINES:**

- **Kashmir**: Produces the finest quality Blue Sapphires with a velvety texture and rich, deep blue color.
- **Sri Lanka**: Known for lighter blue sapphires that are still highly prized.
- Myanmar (Burma): Renowned for deep blue sapphires with exceptional clarity and a slightly grayish tone.

#### **FAMOUS GEMS:**

- **The Star of India**: A 563-carat star sapphire, one of the largest of its kind, housed in the American Museum of Natural History.
- The Logan Sapphire: A 423-carat Blue Sapphire that is one of the largest faceted sapphires in the world.



#### **COLOR**

The most critical factor in determining a Blue Sapphire's value. The most prized color is a vivid, medium to dark blue, often referred to as "cornflower blue."



A well-cut sapphire will reflect light evenly across the surface, enhancing its brilliance.



While some inclusions are common, fewer visible inclusions increase a sapphire's value. Sapphires with no visible inclusions are extremely rare.



#### **CARAT WEIGHT**

Larger sapphires are rarer and more valuable.
However, a balance between color, clarity, and cut is crucial.



# TYPES OF BLUE SAPPHIRE





## Key Features

#### **ORIGIN:**

Mined in Sri Lanka, formerly known as Ceylon, renowned for producing some of the finest blue sapphires

#### **COLOR:**

Typically exhibits a light to medium blue color with exceptional brightness and brilliance. Ceylon sapphires are known for their vibrant, radiant hue that ranges from cornflower blue to slightly violet.

## CEYLON BLUE Capphine

#### UNIQUE QUALITIES



#### **CLARITY:**

Often has excellent clarity with fewer inclusions, contributing to its brilliance.



#### **RARITY:**

Though more readily available than Kashmir sapphires, high-quality, untreated Ceylon Blue Sapphires are still rare and valuable.



#### **VALUE:**

Highly prized in the global market due to its rich color, clarity, and transparency.

#### CEYLON BLUE SAPPHIRE JEWELRY AT SHOP LC





D'Joy Ceylon Sapphire and Moissanite 2.25 ctw Ring in 18K Vermeil YG and Rhodium Over Sterling Silver

PRICE- \$169.99



ITEM-8157960

Premium Ceylon Blue Sapphire and White Zircon 7.25 ctw Tears of the Ocean Bracelet in Rhodium Over Sterling Silver (6.50 In)

PRICE- \$407.99



#### ITEM-8221726

Chairman Collection Certified & Appraised Rhapsody AAAA Ceylon Blue Sapphire and E-F VS Diamond 4.20 ctw Ring in 950 Platinum 9.31 Grams

PRICE- **\$19,999.99** 



ITEM-8059982

D'Joy Premium Ceylon Blue Sapphire and White Zircon 2.85 ctw Rococo Filigree Ring in 18K Vermeil YG and Rhodium Over Sterling Silver

PRICE- \$199.99

### MADAGASCAR BLUE SAPPHIRE



## Key Features

#### **ORIGIN:**

Mined in Madagascar, one of the leading sources of blue sapphires in recent years.

#### **COLOR:**

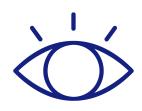
Displays a wide range of blue hues, from light pastel blue to deep royal blue. Some Madagascar sapphires can rival those from SriLanka and Kashmir in terms of quality and color intensity.



### MADAGASCAR BLUE SAPPHIRE

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#### MADAGASCAR BLUE SAPPHIRE JEWELRY AT SHOP LC



#### ITEM-7909540

D'Joy Madagascar Blue Sapphire and White Zircon 2.65 ctw Ring in Rhodium Over Sterling Silver

PRICE- \$159.99

#### ITEM-7979702

D'Joy Madagascar Blue Sapphire and White Zircon 3.25 ctw Radiant Galaxy Ring in Rhodium Over Sterling Silver

PRICE- \$169.99

#### ITEM-8162851

Mirage Collection Premium

Madagascar Blue Sapphire 1.50

ctw Golden Grove Ring in 10K

Yellow Gold

PRICE- \$999.99



## Key Features

#### **ASTERISM:**

Exhibits a star-shaped pattern (usually 6 rays) across the surface, created by light reflecting off needle-like inclusions of rutile (titanium dioxide).

#### **COLOR:**

Typically found in shades of medium to deep blue, but can also occur in other colors such as black, gray, and pink.

#### **CLARITY:**

Generally opaque or semi-translucent, with the star being more valuable when it is sharp, well-centered, and distinct.





#### **ORIGIN:**

Mined primarily in Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Thailand. High-quality star sapphires are rare and sought after.



#### **VALUE:**

The rarity and sharpness of the star play a significant role in determining value, alongside color and size.

Stones with clear, centered stars are more valuable



#### **FAMOUS EXAMPLES:**

Star of India: One of the largest star sapphires in the world, weighing 563 carats and currently housed in the American Museum of Natural History.

#### STAR BLUE SAPPHIRE JEWELRY AT SHOP LC







#### ITEM-8258208

Premium Blue Star Sapphire (DF) 6.5) and Moissanite 9.15 ctw Starborn Majesty Ring in 10K White Gold

PRICE- \$1,099.99

#### ITEM-4412437

D'Joy Premium Blue Star Sapphire (DF) and Multi Gemstone 5.75 ctw Royal Starflare Pendant Necklace in Rhodium Over Sterling Silver 20 Inches

PRICE- \$127.99

#### ITEM-8235712

MD'Joy Premium Blue Star Sapphire (DF) 10.0) and Multi Gemstone 5.75 ctw Royal Starflare Ring in Rhodium Over Sterling Silver

PRICE- \$129.99

### KANCHANABURI BLUE SAPPHIRE



## Key Features

#### **ORIGIN:**

Mined in Kanchanaburi, Thailand, renowned for producing high-quality blue sapphires.

#### **COLOR:**

Known for its deep, rich blue hue, which is often described as a vibrant, intense blue with excellent clarity.

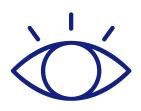
Some stones may also have a slight greenish or grayish tint.



### KANCHANABURI BLUESAPPHIRE

UNIQUE QUALITIES





#### **CLARITY:**

Generally, Kanchanaburi
Blue Sapphires have fewer
inclusions, leading to a
cleaner appearance and
higher value.



#### **RARITY:**

Though the region produces a significant amount of blue sapphires, high-quality, well-colored stones are still considered rare and highly valued.



#### PRICE:

Often more affordable compared to sapphires from Sri Lanka and Kashmir, while still offering excellent color and clarity.

#### KANCHANABURI BLUE SAPPHIRE JEWELRY AT SHOP LC







#### ITEM-8170596

D'Joy Premium Kanchanaburi Blue Sapphire and White Zircon 4.00 ctw Imperial Radiance Ring in Rhodium Over Sterling Silver

PRICE- **\$289.99** 

#### ITEM-4374953

D'Joy Premium Kanchanaburi Blue Sapphire and Moissanite 3.25 ctw Gilded Dynasty Pendant Necklace in Rhodium Over Sterling Silver 20 Inches

PRICE- **\$259.99** 

#### ITEM-8060975

D'Joy Kanchanaburi Blue Sapphire and White Zircon 4.80 ctw Opulent Prism Ring in Rhodium & 18K Vermeil Yellow Gold Over Sterling Silver

PRICE- \$159.99



## Key Features

#### **ORIGIN:**

Mined in the Kashmir region of India, primarily around the town of Srinagar. Renowned for producing some of the most coveted sapphires in the world.

#### **COLOR:**

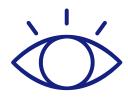
Known for its vivid, velvety blue hue with a hint of violet. Often described as a perfect, pure blue with a soft, glowing quality.



### KASHMIR SAPPHIRE

#### UNIQUE QUALITIES





#### **CLARITY:**

Typically, Kashmir sapphires have excellent clarity and a distinctive, rich color that's free from the strong inclusions often found in other sapphires.



#### **RARITY:**

Extremely rare, particularly in larger sizes. The mines in Kashmir have been largely exhausted, making these sapphires highly sought after and valuable.



#### PRICE:

One of the most expensive types of sapphires due to their rarity and the historical value associated with them.

#### FAMOUS EXAMPLES

**Historical Significance:** Kashmir sapphires have been featured in royal jewelry collections and high-profile auctions. The region's limited production and the high quality of its sapphires have cemented their reputation.

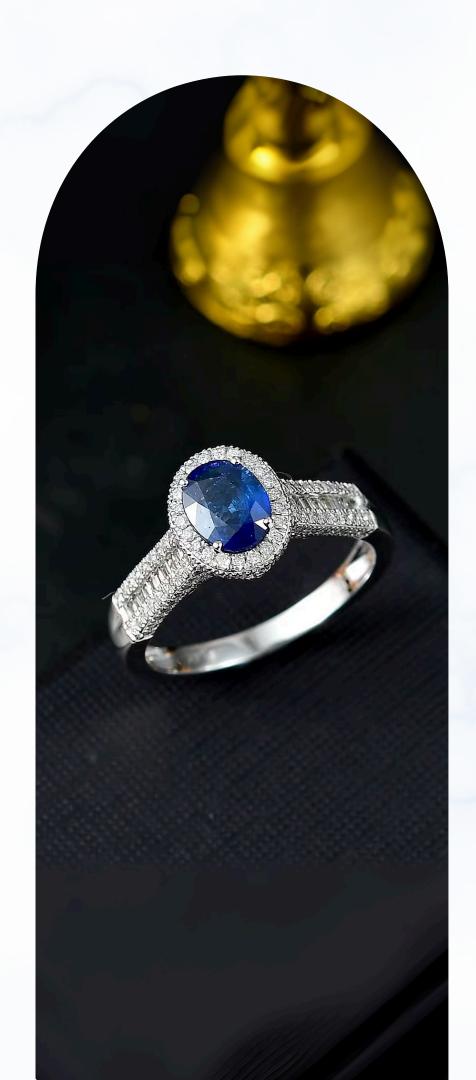
## Care and Maintenance

#### **KEY POINTS:**

Cleaning: Clean Blue Sapphire jewelry regularly using warm soapy water and a soft brush. Avoid harsh chemicals or ultrasonic cleaners, especially if the sapphire has been treated.

**Storage:** Store Blue Sapphire pieces separately from other gemstones to avoid scratches. Use a soft pouch or a separate compartment in a jewelry box.

Regular Check-ups: Have the settings of Blue Sapphire jewelry checked periodically by a professional jeweler to ensure the gemstone is secure.







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