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Ruby Facts – Did You Know?

SIX RUBY FACTS

1. The Black Prince's ruby (a large red gem set in the Maltese cross in the front of the imperial state crown of England) is not a ruby at all, but one of the world's largest gem-quality red spinels. It is partly filled with a small ruby (zoom in!).
2. Rubies are red sapphires! Both are corundum, only those with a dominant red hue can be considered a ruby.
3. Rubies have a quality known as pleochroism, which is the appearance of different colours in the gem when viewing it from different angles. The job of the gemstone cutter is to marry the two colours so you see the reddest possible gem.
4. Mozambican rubies are over 500 million years old; they're far rarer and can be more expensive per carat than colourless diamonds.
5. 'Pigeon blood' has become a term that people presume to be the 'best shade of red'. In reality, there is no common agreement on what colour 'pigeon blood' is, and the range of colours that labs certify as 'pigeon blood' vary so significantly the term is worthless – our advice is to buy the gem you love.
6. Rubies fluoresce under UV light! Something special for the disco....

TOP LOCATIONS RUBIES ARE FOUND TODAY

- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Tanzania
- Thailand

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TOP RUBIES EVER SOLD AT AUCTION

Ruby	Detail	Price sold for	Price per carat	Where sold
The Sunrise Ruby	25.59-carat Mogok Burmese Ruby and Diamond Ring, by Cartier	\$30,335,698	\$1,185,451 per carat	Sotheby's Geneva, May 2015
The Crimson Flame Ruby	15.04-carat Mogok Burmese Ruby and Diamond Ring	\$18,000,000	\$1,196,809 per carat (World record per carat)	Christie's Hong Kong, December 2015
The Graff Ruby	8.62-carat Mogok Burmese Ruby and Diamond Ring, by Graff	\$8,600,410	\$997,727 per carat	Sotheby's Geneva, November 2014
	10.10-carat Mogok Burmese Ruby and Diamond Brooch, by Cartier	\$8,428,127	\$834,468 per carat	Christie's Hong Kong, November 2014
	29.62-carat Mogok Burmese Ruby and Diamond Ring, mounted by Cartier	\$7,379,953	\$249,154 per carat	Sotheby's Hong Kong, April 2014
The Patiño Ruby	32.08-carat Mogok Burmese Ruby and Diamond Ring, by Chaumet	\$6,736,750	\$209,998 per carat	Christie's Geneva, May 2012

FAMOUS RUBY MONTH BIRTHDAYS

Margot Robbie	Saweetie	Winnie Harlow	Phoebe Waller-Bridge	Benedict Cumberbatch
Jason Statham	Eva Green	Hilary Swank	Tom Cruise	Diane Kruger
Sandra Oh	Maya Rudolph	Post Malone	Paloma Faith	Priyanka Chopra
Jennifer Lopez	Daniel Radcliffe	Kate Beckinsale	Sandra Bullock	Selena Gomez

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