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RARE ASIAN MINERALS The rare Russian minerals we offered were so popular that we expanded this list to include rare minerals from all of Asia--we'll include an extra label with additional info about each one, and **a 5% discount if you get 5 or more, 10% for ten or more, 20% for 15 or more:**

AENIGMATITE, Eveslogchorr Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia. Nice, black prismatic crystals .5" and longer in matrix with minor associated astrophyllite. The albite matrix fluoresces red in shortwave UV light. 1.5" by 1.5" matrix for \$15; 2" x 2" matrix for \$20; and 3" by 2" for \$24.

ARSENOPYRITE, SIDERITE, QUARTZ, Nandan, Guangzi Province, China, attractive combination specimens with sharp .25" to .5" metallic gray arsenopyrite specimens and root beer brown siderite crystals, along with occasional quartz, too--very attractive composite pieces! About 2" by 1" for \$15, and \$30; 2" by 3" for \$35, and \$40, by size.

BADDELEYITE, Myanmar, [ZrO₂], small crystals of an intense dark green color, beautiful sharp crystals about ½" long and ⅛" to ¼" wide for \$24.

BOBIERRITE, Zheleznyi Mine (Iron Mine), Kovdor Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaja Oblast', Russia. Pearly white crystals in dolomite matrix about 1.25" by 1.25" for \$26.

BOURNONITE, Yaogangxian, Hunan Province, China. Excellent, sharp, metallic black crystals, no matrix, about .5" for \$18, about 1" for \$22, and bigger for \$30, \$32, \$40.

CHRYSOBERYL, Emerald mines, Malyshevo, Sverdlovskaya Oblast', Urals Region, Russia. Small, light green, twinned crystals on shiny gray phlogopite matrix. 1" by 1" matrix for \$20, 1" by 2" matrix for \$26. Sorry, they're not the alexandrite variety!

DENISOVITE, Yukspor Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia. Silky white and gray fibrous crystals in matrix, about 1" by 1" for \$20, bigger for \$25.

EPIDOTE, Bilalma near Murgab, Eastern Pamir Mountains, Tajikistan. Lustrous, striated, prismatic greenish-black single crystals with excellent terminations and no matrix, about .75" high for \$20.

ENSTATITE, Myanmar, [Mg₂Si₂O₆] as beautiful green crystals about ¾" to 1" high and ⅜" to ½" wide, nice crystals & terminations, for \$20.

EUDIALYTE CRYSTALS, Rischorr Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaja Oblast', Russia. Yes, we said crystals! We've handled lots of grainy eudialyte, but these have faces you can examine. Small, dark red crystals, no matrix, about .75" by .75" for \$28.

FEDORITE, Murun Massif, Yakutia, Russia. Tan, platy crystals in matrix of very light purple charoite (our April 1998 mineral) matrix about 1.5" by 1" for \$22.50. Slightly larger without charoite for \$25.

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FENAKSITE, Rasvumchorr Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaja Oblast', Russia. Small, light brown plates mixed in rischorite with aegirine and grey delhayelite that fluoresces orange in longwave ultraviolet light. 1" by 1" pieces for \$16 and \$20.

FERRO-AXINITE, 2" by 3" matrix pieces for \$75, \$100, and \$150. Also, from Pouyva (Puiva) Mine, Saranpaul, Polar Urals, Russia, as glassy brown single crystals about 3" by 1" for \$30.

GÖRGEYITE, Inder Lake, near Guries city, Kazakhstan. Yellowish, thin, tabular crystals that fluoresce bright yellow in short- and longwave UV light, 1" by 1.5" for \$25, 2" by 2" for \$30.

HOLTITE, Vasin Mylk, Voronya Tundra, Kola Peninsula, Russia. Pale violet crystalline granular holtite in pegmatite that fluoresces bright yellow in shortwave UV light. 1" by 1.5" matrix pieces for \$30, 2" by 2" for \$35.

KOVDORSKITE, Kovdor massif, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia. Pale rose-colored single prismatic crystals about .75" long with good terminations for \$16, smaller for \$12.

NORMANDITE, Partomchorr Mountain, Khibiny Massif, Kola Peninsula, Murmanskaja Oblast', Russia. Orange-brown sprays that look like astrophyllite (our July 2001 featured mineral) in white microcline with black aegirine. Pieces about 1" by 1" for \$24, 2" by 2" for \$32.

PYRITE-REPLACED AMMONITES, Russia, These are the best we've ever seen-the chambers are very complete, and some of the pyrite crystals are iridescent! They go from about 2" high by 1.75" wide to 2.5" by 2" for \$50, \$54, and \$60; and larger, about 2.75" by 2.25" wide for \$100, \$110, and \$150.

SANTABARBARAITE, Kertchenskoye deposit, near Kertch, Crimea peninsula, Crimea Oblast', Ukraine. Dark brown sprays in light brown limonite or shell matrix about .75" by .75" for \$22, or 1.25" by 1.25" matrix for \$30.

SHUIKITE, Saranovskoe deposit, Ural Mountains, Russia. Very small, purple-brown needle crystals on chromite matrix with minute, bright green uvarovite crystals. You'll need your 10x loupe to see these beauties! We featured uvarovite garnet in Feb, 2001, so we'll include its write-up with these. 1" by 1" matrix pieces for \$20, smaller for \$15, larger for \$30.

SIDORENKITE, Alluaiv Mountain, Lovozero massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia. Small, prismatic pink crystals frozen in matrix about 1.5" by 1.5" for \$20 and 2" by 2" for \$24.

SPINEL, Luc Yen, Yenbai Province, Vietnam. We have small red octahedrons, not quite perfectly formed, but very nice, on white marble matrix about 2" by 2" for \$16 and \$24.

SYNGENITE, Kalusa Salt Deposit, Ivanovo-Frankovsk Oblast', Ukraine. Colorless crystals with good faces in small clusters about 1" by 1" for \$24, and 1.5" by 1.5" for \$30.

TRIPHYLITE, Karasu Karavshin, Turkestan Range of Tien Shan, Kyrgyzstan. About 2" by 1.5" matrix for \$16, 2" x 2" and slightly bigger for \$20.

UVITE (TOURMALINE), Myanmar, small crystals about 1/2" long and 1/8" to 1/4" wide, with rich green color, nice crystals form, and good terminations, for \$20, \$24, and \$28.

WOLFRAMITE, Yaogangxian Mine, Yizhang County, Chenzhou Prefecture, Hunan Prov, China. Groups of shiny metallic-black bladed crystals, no matrix, about 2" by 2" for \$18, \$24, \$36.

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NEW LOTS OF PREVIOUSLY FEATURED MINERALS, WITH CORRESPONDING WRITE-UP:

ATACAMITE, Mina La Farola, Tierra Amarilla, Copiapo Department, Chile, Sept 1999. Large matrix pieces about 4" by 3" with lots of intensely green needle-like crystals on a layer of green malachite for \$30 and \$40 by quality.

COBALTOAN DOLOMITE, KOV pit, Kolwezi, Shaba District, Dem Rep of Congo, Aug 2002. Hot-pink drusy crystals on matrix, about 1.5" by 1" to 2" by 1.5" for \$10, \$12, \$14.

GYPSUM, Red River Floodway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, May 2001. Clay-centered ball-shaped clusters of dark yellow crystals jutting out all around, about 2" in diameter, with a swallowtail-twinned pair of light-colored crystals on top-beautiful!-for \$24, and bigger/better for \$34 and \$40.

IMPERIAL TOPAZ, Rodrigo Silva, Minas Gerais, Brazil, March 2001. 1" crystals with good color and terminations for \$22.50, slightly smaller for \$12, and larger for \$60, \$80, \$100.

LEPIDOLITE, various localities, Minas Gerais, Brazil, Jan 2000. Spherical mounds of light purple lepidolite mica about 2" by 3" for \$16, \$18, and \$20, by size/quality. Larger pieces with more typically layered lepidolite with white feldspar, about 3" by 4" and larger for \$24 or 2" by 3" for \$12.

ORPIMENT, Elbruskiy mine, North Caucasus, Russia, May 2005. A bed of very small, very bright orange crystals rising from the matrix-these are simply gorgeous! About 2" by 1.5" matrix for \$40, twice as big matrix for \$80, \$90, \$100.

PYRITE, Victoria mine, Navajun, Spain, March 1996/2006, from our recent trip! Highly symmetrical cubes about .75" on matrix about 2" by 2" for \$22.50; or for the same price you could specify 2" by 2" matrix with a couple (or more) of smaller cubes. We have large matrix pieces with much larger cubes from \$60 to \$550, and multiple intergrown and twinned cubes, on and off matrix, from \$60 to \$950. Call or Email us for photos.

RARE & BEAUTIFUL BEADS, various localities. Yes, we said beads! We have a large line of unusual beads, but not enough time to make a list, so please contact us for pricing if you're interested. We have a few strands of exceptional beads such as Maw Sit Sit, Lapis Lazuli, Tsavorite Garnet, Moldavite, Mookaite Jasper, Labradorite, Seraphinite, Azurite & Malachite, and many others--including a combination apatite and tourmaline strand for \$12!

MOLDAVITE, Czech Republic, our December 2001 stone, the natural glass believed to have been formed by the impact of the meteorite that created the Ries Crater in southern Germany. A new batch of gemmy green pieces about quarter to half dollar size for \$40 to \$60 to \$80 by weight. You're sure to find the write-up that comes with it quite fascinating!

FACETED RHODOCHROSITE, Sweet Home mine, Alma, Park County, Colorado. Since the mine is closed, we pick up any reasonably priced gemstones we can find. We have stones from .79 carat to 4.64 carats from \$140 to over \$800. Call or Email for details. And we still have some crystals with high quality color and crystal form on and off matrix from \$150 to \$600- again, call or Email for info.

VESUVIANITE, Jeffrey Mine, Quebec, Canada, our March 2000 mineral. Single crystals about 1" long with beautiful light green color and good terminations for \$15 and \$25, suitable for wire jewelry or as specimens; and .5" to 1.5" clusters of small green and purple crystals without matrix for \$20, \$30, \$40, and \$50, by size/color.

