



Citrine

Birthstone Month: **November**

Anniversary: **13th**

Season/Zodiac: **Sagittarius**

Interesting Facts/History

Citrine is the lovely yellowish gem belonging to the quartz species. Quartz is found in several localities and comes in a wide range of colours. Citrine is one of the most appealing and desirable yellowish gems, because it is readily available and modestly priced.

Name Derivation

The name Citrine is from the French "Citron" meaning lemon.

Varieties, Value and Colour Symbolism

Though confused with Topaz, Citrine is a member of the quartz species. The finest quality Citrine is actually medium to medium dark in tone, vivid in intensity, and is yellowish Orange in hue. Most Citrine purchased however is medium light, to medium Yellow. Yellow is the most luminous colour, and therefore is highly recognizable. It is also a warm hue reminiscent of the sun, and brings out the richness in many different people's amber-coloured or darker skin tones.

Where the Gem is Mined

Citrine is mined principally in Brazil, Bolivia, and Spain.

Durability

Hardness (*resistance to scratching*) = 7 on the Moh's Scale.

Toughness (*resistance to breaking, chipping, cracking*) = Good.

Stability (*to heat, light, chemicals*) = Avoid exposure to heat, and intense sunlight. Abrupt temperature change may fracture the gem.

Care and Cleaning

Ultrasonic = Usually Safe.

Steam Cleaning = Risky, best to avoid. Keep away from strong chemicals.

Repair Recommendations = In any type of repair involving heat, Citrine must be removed from the setting.

Enhancements

Citrine is routinely subjected to heat as a normal part of the processing phase to improve the colour. Citrine is sensitive to heat and sudden temperature changes should be avoided.

Fashion Significance

From pastel yellows, to wonderful orange hues Citrine will flatter many fashion-conscious pallets. Yellow hues are striking and are symbolic of the sun, health, and vitality. Since it is plentiful in nature, it represents an incredible value for the person who appreciates its colour. It is available in a wide range of shapes and sizes, and it is a favorite choice of many jewelry designers.