



ROSE QUARTZ

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- Origin** Rose quartz is found in sedimentary rocks such as sandstones and in beach and river deposits. Occasionally found in geodes (gas cavities).
- Composition** Silicon dioxide SiO_2 with traces of titanium oxide or manganese oxide.
- Structure** Trigonal. Rose quartz is rarely found with terminations. Samples that we have sold have small terminations but the vast majority of our rose quartz is 'massive'.
- Colour** Pale to mid pink. Generally opaque or translucent. Transparent rose quartz is very rare.
- Sources** Crystals rose quartz comes from a number of locations:
Gem specimens - Madagascar. This can have a lilac hue and is generally translucent.
Rock specimens - Brazil.
- Also** Rose quartz is one of the three major stones underpinning our company. We enjoy thinking up new uses for rose quartz and have been pleased to source Buddhas, Ganesh, palm stones, unusual animals and distinctive artefacts. However, perhaps the most pleasure is gained from selling a beautiful lump or a simple set pendant. A large sphere with a star or a perfectly carved egg can be equally inspirational.