

Pink Diamond Fact Sheet

- Diamonds began forming three billion years ago, 150 miles below the earth's surface.
- The largest pink diamond in the world is the 186 Carat Darya-e-Nur, also known as the Sea of Light, the River of Light, or the Ocean of Light. It is a pale-pink, tablet-shaped diamond and is at the Museum of the Treasury of National Iranian Jewels.
- A 3.14 carat Argyle Pink sold for \$1,510,000 at Christie's, New York in 1989.
- A 28.03 carat pink diamond recently made its debut at Sotheby's Auction. Its color is an intense purple-pink with excellent clarity. Valued for at least \$7,000,000, this is the largest pink diamond to date that has been offered at auction.
- One theory of the origin of pink diamonds is that pink diamonds have nitrogen atoms in the crystal structure which have been distorted by high pressure. These conditions have produced unique crystal structures that absorb green and blue light, yielding the pink colour.
- Pink diamonds are primarily sourced from Argyle mine in northwest Australia, and also found in Africa, India and Brazil.
- The pink diamonds mined at Argyle make up only a fraction of one per cent of the mine's production making them the rarest gem in the world.