

History of Turquoise Mines Around the World Explained on New Site

Turquoisemines.com conducts in-depth look at turquoise mines

Turquoise mines have been utilized across the planet for many years. Since turquoise's first discovery, it has been praised by civilizations, and has had entire industries constructed around it. The mines turquoise is extracted from play a large part in both the value and characteristics of the stone. Turquoise located in Persia are renowned across the world for their vibrant, robin's egg color.

"The composition and color of turquoise is a direct result of the stones composition levels of minerals, such as copper, located within the turquoise mine," said Turquoise Mines spokesperson Don Templeton. "These mines have been a great source for turquoise throughout history, and have been a direct factor of turquoise prices."

Many cultures have placed high values upon turquoise—the Aztecs, themselves, made detailed masks and adornments from turquoise, and operated some of history's oldest turquoise mines within North America. The Aztecs used turquoise found in Central Mexico as well.

Puebloan tribes frequently mined turquoise and considered it a valuable commodity. The Puebloans assigned immense spiritual value to turquoise, and frequently used it for trade.

The Ancient Egyptians, too, mined turquoise, and assigned turquoise as adornment for society's highest members. The stone was carefully crafted, and inlaid into burial masks, as well as other ceremonial jewelry. Historians often consider that turquoise was introduced to the Europeans through trades with Persia.

Turquoise stones are unlike many other stones due to its diversity, as well as its various qualities unique to each region," said Templeton. "There are many interesting facts pertaining to various turquoise mines, as well as the types of turquoise stones produced within them."

The Bisbee Turquoise Mine is famous for producing Bisbee Blue, which is an expensive and beautiful turquoise stone—known for its unique composition and coloration. The Kingman Turquoise Mine, located within Arizona, is considered one of the oldest turquoise mines. Archaeologists have discovered several ancient mining sites utilized by the Navajo and Southwestern tribes here, and continue to extract ancient turquoise from the site.

Today, worldwide mines remain active, and produce tons of high-priced turquoise stones of great beauty and composition. These high quality stones may be seen within turquoise jewelry, and may be featured in popular art appearing around the world. Individuals wanting to learn more about turquoise may choose to learn more about turquoise mining history, and discover which mines are still operational. The United States, itself, still extracts valuable turquoise, and created popular jewelry with it.

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