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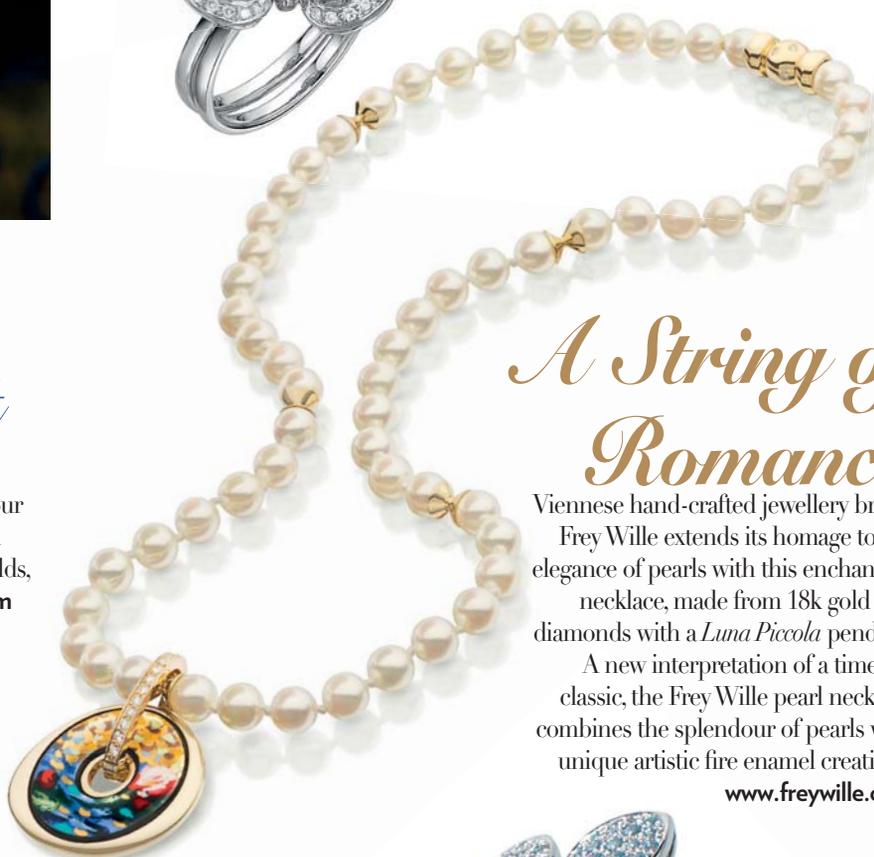


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PARAGONS OF NATURE

Continental Diamonds' two-finger ring embraces nature at its best. The brand features multicoloured tourmalines set in the form of a butterfly dancing among the clover leaf garden. The different shades of tourmaline cabochons help bring life to the summer garden theme. www.continentaldiamond.com



A String of Romance

Viennese hand-crafted jewellery brand Frey Wille extends its homage to the elegance of pearls with this enchanting necklace, made from 18k gold and diamonds with a *Luna Piccola* pendant. A new interpretation of a timeless classic, the Frey Wille pearl necklace combines the splendour of pearls with unique artistic fire enamel creations.

www.freywille.com

Teal Enchantment

Cartier introduces the Paris at Night by Cartier series from the Paris Nouvelle Vague collection. Featuring our favourite gems, the ring and bangle are adorned with yellow and pink sapphires, fiery opals, spinels, emeralds, tsavorite, diamonds and lapis lazuli. www.cartier.com



ALL THAT JAZZ

The Geometry of Time series from the Italian Gardens collection by Bulgari depicts the architecture of life and colours of flowers. This timepiece features coral elements, brilliant-cut diamonds, takhti-cut amethysts and 24 buff-top-cut amethysts that outline the snow-set pavé dial. The jewels are paired with a purple alligator leather strap and a pink gold buckle decorated with brilliant-cut diamonds. www.bulgari.com

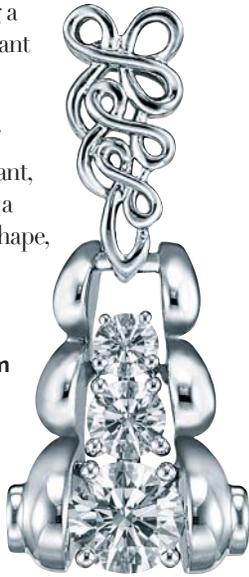


BLAZING BLOSSOMS

French-Filipino pearl specialist Jewelmer takes it to the flower orchard with the *Ostrea* ring. The flower-inspired beauty features South Sea Pearl and embellished with coloured stones in 18k white gold. www.jewelmer.com

DROPS of Elegance

Lazare celebrates the monsoon season with the Aqua Trio series from its latest Signature collection. Featuring a set of earrings, pendant and ring, the series takes inspiration from the droplets of rainwater. The pendant, specifically, takes on a three-dimensional shape, paved with a trio of Lazare diamonds in varying sizes. www.lazarediamonds.com



POCKETS OF HERITAGE

Hermès introduces the *In The Pocket* watch, which doubles as a pocket watch and a wristwatch with its leather pocket holder strap. Initially unveiled in 2012, the watch returns in rose gold, with a 40mm diameter on its own and 49mm when worn on the wrist. The detachable leather strap taps on the brand's impeccable leather workmanship. www.hermes.com

Colourful Coherence



Tiancheng International auctions some of the most exciting colourful pieces this season. Designed by Wang Chinlin, the *Flower Basket* brooch features an array of coloured jadeite pieces that are meticulously designed and presented. www.tianchengauktion.com



Romance Regalia

An ultimate symbol of love, heart-shaped jewellery pieces are very distinctive and special. Inspired by its core philosophy, 'Life Celebration', Gems Pavilion introduces the 10.21ct blue sapphire heart-shaped ring surrounded with round diamonds — a perfect piece for your loved one. www.gemspavilion.com



PEARL ROYALTY

Russian supermodel and philanthropist Natalia Vodianova embraced the Naked Heart Foundation gala in a stunning red dress paired with Yoko London's pearl necklace. One of the masterpieces from the Mayfair collection, the necklace is set with 8.12ct diamonds and 12-15mm South Sea pearls in white gold. www.yokolondon.com



Icon of Fancy



To celebrate its 125th anniversary this year, Victor Mayer introduces the Era collection, which symbolises the future and continuity of the brand. The Era collection features the technique applied to a gold platelet to appear like a watermark and is then placed beneath a gemstone cabochon. Here, we have an 18k white gold ring embellished with diamonds and an amethyst mounted on top. www.victor-mayer.com

Goddess of the Rose

Roberto Bravo takes it a notch down with a selection of earthy-themed colours that represent the undying passion of the rose flower in the new Gallica Collection. The collection features sparkling diamonds, coloured sapphires and mother of pearls in 14k gold. Available in necklaces, earrings and rings. www.robortobravo.com

A HINT OF GLAMOUR

Steal the limelight with this one-of-a-kind contrariè ring by Zydo. Embellished with heart-shaped diamonds and accompanied with two big round diamonds, the ring is a sparkling statement piece that's hard to be missed. www.zydo.it



Sage Splendour



For Solitaire's Colours edition, we go back to the classic charms of emerald green with Maskada. An easy piece to match for a minimalist look, suitable from day to night, this pair of earrings features pear-shaped diamonds and emeralds. www.maskadagioielli.com



CALL OF THE SEA

Italian jewellery brand Palmiero catches the essence of the sea with this *Eye of the Sea* timepiece from the Deep Sea collection. The dial is embellished with white and coloured diamonds, sapphires and semiprecious stones in 18k white gold. www.palmierogioielli.com

BEHIND GRACE

A trademark of Italian jeweller FOPE, the flexible woven chain aims to provide a sense of comfort in the name of glamour. Introducing the Solo collection, FOPE takes us behind the scenes of their photo shoot with Italian actress Anna Valle, which has enabled the jewellery pieces to come alive. www.fope.com



Ebony Indulgence

Easiest to match and also the most innovative colour, black never goes out of style. A simple yet elegant piece by Hans D. Krieger from the Vainard collection, this ring is made with acrylic glass adorned with sparkling diamonds in 18k white gold — perfect for a casual night out.

www.kriegernet.com

ARDENT CHARISMA

Bibigi rolls out the Happy in Pink Gold collection that consists of earrings, rings and necklace. Symbolising peace and tranquility, purple is often associated with royalty and nobility. Set with amethyst and tourmalines, the purple combination of this delicate ring can bring out your ambitious yet wise character within. www.bibigi.it



IN FINE FEATHER

It's all about the bright coloured straps with Fendi's *My Way*. This timepiece features a 36mm case size with black lacquer dial and diamond-cut hands. Highlighting a removable signature red-dyed fox fur adorned on the red calf leather strap, this watch matches a quirky personality. www.fendi.com

Embroidered Magnificence

Tenzo Jewellery House boasts of close to two decades worth of history. Founded by Alexander Tenzo, the designer and loose gems dealer creates pieces that centre on the rough gems. Here, we have an opal and spinel bracelet adorned with diamonds on white gold.

www.tenzo-jewellery.com





HANS D. KRIEGER

FINE JEWELLERY



PARAIBATOURLINE

by Preeti Agarwal

A woman with her hair in a braided bun, wearing a blue long-sleeved top and matching pants, is sitting on a boat. She is looking towards the camera. The background is a vast blue sea under a clear sky. The boat's railing is visible in the foreground.

Amazon Beauty

The industry's latest sought-after cerulean jewel

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP

The *Evolution* pendant with .99ct Paraiba tourmaline, diamonds and green garnets, CARATELL

Earrings with Paraiba tourmalines and diamonds, CARLA AMORIM

Rings in 18k white gold with Paraiba tourmalines and colourless diamonds, HANS D. KRIEGER

Snake ring in 18k white gold with AGL-certified 2.44ct pear-shaped Paraiba tourmaline, Paraiba melee and pave-set diamonds, PAOLO COSTAGLI

Vintage Paraiba tourmaline and diamond ring, DILYS

OPPOSITE Model wearing a pair of THOMAS JIRGENS Paraiba tourmaline and diamond earrings

The gemstone is so rare that it has left even the coveted diamond behind

The versatile tourmaline comes in a rainbow of hues and colours. But amongst them, one exotic newcomer stands out — the Paraiba tourmaline. Discovered in the 1980s, this mint-green wonder has all the shades of a clear ocean, ranging from blue to green in extraordinary vivid hues as if glowing with a unique fire within.

Miner Heitor Dimas Barbosa spent years digging at the now famous Paraiba Hill (Mina da Batalha) in the federal Brazilian State of Paraiba, confident that he will one day find something extraordinary under that hill. The search began in 1981, and after many a failed attempts for over five years, traces of this rare gem began to appear. Finally, in the autumn

of 1989, a handful of Paraiba tourmalines saw daylight. The luminous Paraiba tourmaline, scientifically known as *cuprian elbaite*, quickly became one of the most sought-after gemstones in the world. It appears in a range of coveted colours — greenish blue, bluish green, green, blue, and violet hues.

A gemstone so rare that it has left even the coveted diamond behind, one Paraiba tourmaline is mined for every 10,000 diamonds. A combination of good quality, colour and size is an even rare occurrence. Its rarity and extraordinary colour have sent the market into a frenzy. From a few hundred dollars per carat, its value rose to thousands of dollars per carat within days of discovery. Today, achieving five-digit figures is not unusual; and the demand still keeps increasing.

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Although this cerulean beauty is at its best after cutting and polishing, the high value of the rough usually calls for exceptional designs and custom cuts. It is mostly faceted into brilliant cuts, commonly pear and oval shapes. Paraiba tourmalines larger than five carats are rarely seen. But with this gemstone, colour is key, not size.

Brazil is home to almost all tourmalines, but a radiant turquoise was always lacking in the shade card. Paraiba tourmaline filled that gap, owing its splendid colour to copper, an element which has never been observed in a tourmaline before. The vibrant colour of Paraiba tourmaline is so fascinating that it has often been called with names like swimming-pool-blue, aqua blue, sky blue, neon, electric, mint green and many more. Its beauty, though, is never dependent on light, as it looks as good in low light as it does in the day. The allure of this gemstone and its low supply have left jewellers and celebrities across the globe hungry for more. Each new supply is eagerly awaited, snatched up within days, and worked upon for months, resulting in creations that mesmerise jewellery connoisseurs around the world.

With such a scarce supply from the Paraiba Hill, the world had started to wonder

how to get their hands on more of this aqua wonder. But as it turned out, nature did have another surprise up its sleeve. In early 2001, another batch of Paraiba tourmalines was discovered in Africa. These Nigerian beauties are similar to the tourmalines in their colour and luminosity. Re-enforcing the continental drift theory, more of these copper-bearing tourmalines were found in Mozambique in 2005, which brought good news to gem dealers as the Mozambique version was much clearer and found in larger sizes. Wherever the source maybe, the world is more than happy to have more of these new-found beauties. 



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP CENTRE
Ring with 17ct Paraiba tourmalines and 6ct diamonds in white gold, SUTRA

Necklace with an emerald-cut *cuprian elbaite* tourmaline and round and baguette diamonds in platinum, TIFFANY & CO

Cher Dior *Exquisite Emerald* earrings with white gold, diamonds, sapphires, emeralds, demantoid garnets and Paraiba tourmalines, DIOR JOAILLERIE

Paraiba tourmaline and diamond ring, HARRY WINSTON

Earrings in 18k white gold set with Paraiba tourmalines and brilliant-cut diamonds, PIAGET