



## Celestite

Celestite (also known as Celestine), from the Latin "caelestis" meaning "celestial" or "heavenly", was aptly named, for these dusky sky blue crystals have a very ethereal appearance. Found in sedimentary rock and mostly in crystal form, the best Celestite specimens are found in cavities in Sandstone or Limestone (often as geodes) and are in high demand by collectors. The hue of blue Celestite is attributed to the presence of minute traces of gold and, in some cases, to a naturally occurring irradiation. A somewhat soft and brittle crystal, Celestite is a natural sulfate of Strontium and is an important source of the mineral for industry.



Celestite occurs in association with gypsum, anhydrite, salt beds, limestone, and dolomite. Large crystals are found in vugs or cavities of limestone. It is deposited directly from sea water, by groundwater, or from hydrothermal solutions

Celestite is found in a number of places around the world including small despoits in Australia, but probably the most spectacular and beautiful crystals are found in Madagascar. Unlike other parts of the world, Celestite from Madagascar has the incredible pale, but deep blue colour that is most prized by collectors.

Many extraordinary beliefs surround the metaphysical energies of Celestite including that it helps to synchronize the egoistic mind with higher aspects of the spiritual. Celestite is said to promote mental balance -- a peaceful, tranquil mental state. It is also believed to facilitate clairaudient communication with the angelic realms and with your Spiritual Guides and Teachers. Celestite is said to be a good communication stone to harmonize the energy in spaces used by groups of individuals.

The healing powers of Celestite are said to include that it enhances thyroid functions, can reduce stress, is relaxing, creates peace of mind, accelerates growth, aids personal creative expression and helps one adjust to higher, more rarefied states of awareness. Truth, reliability and also clear speech are other claimed attributes.

