



Orbicular Jasper – “Ocean Jasper”



This is a variety of jasper which contains variably-colored orbs, spherical inclusions or zones, creating intricate patterns. Formed as a rhyolite magma flow but completely silicified. The rhyolitic eyes or orbs come in an astonishing array of colors and color combinations. The background can be white, pink, green, red, or yellow. Botryoidal formations as well as white and deep green druze are also common.

Ocean Jasper is said by some to have a particular effect on the emotions. When you hold it they say, it can bring long-standing and unresolved emotional issues to the surface. One might think of this surfacing as the rising of a turbulent sea of feelings. Ocean Jasper is also said to have a soothing and nurturing effect. It is believed that working with this stone, you may have the feeling that these emotions, now out of hiding, aren't as important and troublesome as they had felt when they were trapped inside you. Instead, you may have a feeling of calmness, much like the sea after a storm. Other claims concerning Ocean Jasper include that it can stimulate the solar plexus, heart and throat chakras, increase the expression of love in words and actions, and bring relaxation and cooperation to the home or workplace.



Orbicular Jasper is found in several parts of the world but perhaps arguably the highest quality stones with the widest range of colours and patterns come from Madagascar. Mining of the stone there is very basic, using entirely manual labor and hand tools. The site is located at the edge of the ocean, is only accessible at low tide, and transport out is by boat as there are no roads in this area.