

What is Padparadscha?

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Padparadscha is the Sinhalese name for an orange, orange-pink or pink variety of Sapphires. This is a very rare variety of Sapphire and is the second rarest after the green Sapphires which are called the Oriental Emeralds. Padparadscha means 'Lotus Blossom' in Sinhalese. This term has come from the word Padmarag in Sanskrit which means 'one having the colour of a lotus'.

In India the Pink and Orange Sapphires are still called Padmaragas. The Orange Sapphire is used as a remedial gem for those who have Sun and Jupiter as yogakarak planets and are also well placed in their horoscopes. The Pink Sapphires are for those who have Jupiter and Mars as yogakarak and well placed planets. The Orange-Pink sapphires are for those who have all these three planets Jupiter, Mars and Sun as yogakarak and well placed too in their natal charts.

So, this means that Orange and Orange-Pink Sapphires can be worn by those born under Aries, Leo, Scorpio and Sagittarius ascendants. Pink Sapphires can be worn by Cancer and Pisces ascendants born too besides those who are born in the above mentioned ascendants.

Wearing a padmarag gives extremely powerful benefits to the wearer. It is a gem for those who are ambitious and want to develop leadership qualities. It increases the zest for life, improves health, makes one very assertive and confident, and improves social status to great levels.

As this variety of sapphire is very rare, it is much more expensive than the yellow, white or the blue variety of sapphires. These days most of the padparadscha are treated and artificially enhanced to improve their colour and lustre but this destroys their natural beneficial powers and do not remain suitable any more for use as a Jyotish remedial gem. So, whenever buying a sapphire or any other gem make sure that it is untreated and it retains its natural qualities.

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Today, Padparadscha comes from mines in Ceylone (Sri Lanka), Vietnam and Madagascar. In early days, India was a good source of sapphires and rubies but today there are no existing mines for Pink Sapphires in India. Only Blue Sapphire is found in the Sapphire mines in Kashmir.

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