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MASSIVE AND MAGNIFICENT CLUSTER OF WATER CLEAR ROCK CRYSTAL

A MASSIVE AND MAGNIFICENT CLUSTER OF WATER CLEAR ROCK CRYSTAL, A HARD COLOURLESS QUARTZ
SIZE: 33CM HIGH, 75CM WIDE, 55CM DEEP – 13 INS HIGH, 29½ INS WIDE, 21¾ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

ROCK CRYSTAL IS REGARDED AS A SEMI-PRECIOUS STONE, AN ELITE MINERAL AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN DEMAND FROM CRAFTSMEN TO CUT AND CARVE INTO FACETED STONES AND BEADS AND OBJECTS RANGING FROM HANDLES TO CHANDELIERS. THE ART OF CARVING AND ENGRAVING ROCK CRYSTAL HAS BEEN WELL DEVELOPED AS THE MATERIAL LENDS ITSELF ESPECIALLY WELL TO THIS TREATMENT.

FOR CENTURIES THE STONE AND GEM CUTTERS OF INDIA, CHINA AND EUROPE HAVE BEEN CARVING SUPERB OBJECTS FROM ROCK CRYSTAL. IN THE 9TH AND 10TH CENTURIES THE ISLAND OF MADAGASCAR SUPPLIED THE MINERAL, BUT FOR THE LAST 100 YEARS BRAZIL HAS BEEN THE BEST SOURCE WITH INDIVIDUAL CRYSTALS WEIGHING UP TO 25 TONS BEING FOUND THERE.