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# *Tatler's* Jewellery Editor selects 30 sparkling sapphires for September birthdays

Blue is the warmest colour

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Sapphires come in all manner of colours, from yellow to purple, but what we usually think of is dazzling, vibrant blue - after all, the name sapphire comes from the Latin 'saphirus' and the Greek 'sapheiros', both of which mean blue.

While precious gemstones are often rare and valuable, there are only a handful that reach legendary status, coveted by collectors and museums alike and set apart from the rest thanks to their sheer size, unmatched beauty and stellar provenance. One such sapphire is The Star of Adam. Found in a Sri Lankan mine in 2016, this giant blue star sapphire weighs in at an astonishing 1,404 carats and has been valued at over \$300 million. Blue star sapphires appear opaque under normal circumstances, but when placed under light, they will exhibit a six-pointed star effect. It's said that the undisclosed buyer named the gem The Star of Adam after a Muslim belief that Adam went to Sri Lanka after he was cast out from the Garden of Eden.

Other famous sapphires include the late Diana, Princess of Wales's engagement ring, now worn by the Duchess of Cambridge, and Cartier's Bismarck sapphire, commissioned in 1935 by Countess Mona von Bismarck, one of the largest and most beautiful in the world.

If you're lucky enough to have a September birthday, then sapphire is your birthstone, and these are the gems for you...



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