

Jewellery Care Guide

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LA MARQUISE

INTRODUCTION

At La Marquise we maintain the highest standards in design, quality of materials and craftsmanship. Our fine jewellery is crafted to last a lifetime. However, to become a treasure that lasts a lifetime, jewellery must be properly maintained. Daily wear accumulates dust particles and can dull the brilliance of the diamond or the surface of gold and platinum. Over time, prongs or clasps may also loosen. Basic care can preserve and protect your piece of jewellery for many years.

We provide complimentary lifetime jewellery assessment, maintenance and recommend yearly visits to enhance the look of your jewellery. Our boutique sales professionals can help you with this process. La Marquise boutiques are conveniently located across the globe.

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DIAMOND JEWELLERY CARE

Diamonds do not have a shelf life. If cared for properly, you can maintain the same glimmer and sparkle that you saw when you first bought the diamond. At home most jewellery can be cleaned with a non-abrasive jewellery cleaner. To clean diamonds, use a mild jewellery cleaning solution and apply with a soft bristle brush. Polish gold with a jewellery polishing cloth for best results. Use of tissue or paper towels should be avoided as they can cause scratches due to the fibers in these products. Pearls can be cleaned by wiping them gently with a damp cloth. If used frequently they should be cleaned and restrung by your jeweller annually. Ultrasonic cleaning is not recommended as it unsafe for many gemstones.

Inspect your jewellery regularly, addressing any signs of damage, or loose gemstones. This will prevent any further damage or loss and keep all of your pieces in excellent shape for years to come.

Prong settings are prone to weakness in the case of collision with a hard surface or getting caught on clothing. Contact with household cleaning bleach can cause metal discolouration and even disintegration. Exposure to temperature extremes, lotions, creams, perfumes, household chemicals and cleaning agents should be avoided. Also handle your diamonds sparingly to sustain their everlasting sparkle by preventing the oils in skin from directly touching the diamond.

Use a leather protector spray to ensure the proper maintenance of leather jewellery, which will prevent cracking and staining of the leather. For maintaining leather, do not use oil-based cleaners as it may stain the leather. Instead use a piece of soft damp cloth. In case the leather jewellery is stained by cosmetics, oil, fragrances, hairsprays etc., it is advisable to get them cleaned immediately by a professional cleaner.

STORAGE CARE

Store your jewellery in a snug jewellery box, ideally the one we provide after you have purchased the jewellery. Fabric-lined jewellery boxes or pouches are also recommended for storage.

Guard your jewellery from impact against hard or rough surfaces. Diamonds are known for being one the hardest substances known to man yet even they are susceptible to being chipped if hit hard enough or at an angle. Many gemstones are prone to getting scratched. They can scratch each other and metals too. Thus, it is advised to store jewellery in separate pouches or compartments to minimise friction between the pieces.

Our advise is that you should refrain from wearing your jewellery during any activity or exercise that would subject it to the above mentioned hazards.

GEMSTONE CARE

Miners and gemstone dealers undertake a range of enhancements on gemstones. Some of these are explained in detail below.

Bleaching

A means to lighten or stabilise colour for uniformity using chemicals or other agents

Diffusion

A means to improve or produce colour using chemicals and high temperatures.

Dyeing

A means to alter colour through induction of colouring agents.

Heating

A means to change the clarity and/or colour via heat treatment.

Infusion

A means to enhance the visual appearance of gemstones by a mechanism of filling glass, oil, wax or resin inside it.

Coating

Enhances the long-term durability and visual appeal of gemstones through a wax/oil/resin coating.

Irradiation

Brings about a change in the colour of gemstones using laboratory radiation and heating.

Stabilised

A means to enhance long-term durability and colour using a transparent resin or proprietary technique to diminish porosity.

With the increased advancement of technology new and improved techniques of gemstone enhancement are entering the market. It is sometimes virtually impossible to determine which process has been applied to a gemstone due to the sheer abundance of techniques and materials now available.

La Marquise takes pride in sourcing its gemstones carefully from select locations globally to obtain a certain stone quality. We offer customers a certain level of glamour and finesse through our jewellery. This invariably means that the gemstones we procure have to meet our requirements for colour, cut, clarity and strength. We do not accept in particular any enhancements that put a façade on durability or carat weight of gemstones. Our diamonds are not subject to any enhancements aside from cutting and polishing.

The following table illustrates the different care guidelines to adhere to whilst caring for each type of gemstone.

<i>Minerals</i>	<i>Type</i>
Amber	All colors
Andalusite	
Apatite	
Azurite	All colors
Beryl	Golden, Yellow, Aquamarine, Morganite Emerald, Green

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Minerals

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Calcite

Chalcedony

Bloodstone, Chrysocolla, Chrysoprase, Jasper, Sardonyx, White, Black, Green Onyx, Agate, Carnelian. Blue, Blue Lace Agate

Charoite

Chrysoberyl

Alexandrite, Brown, Cat's Eye, Cat's Eye Alexandrite, Green, Yellow

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Corundum	Sapphire, All colors, Star Sapphire, All colors Padparadscha Sapphire Ruby, Star Ruby
Diamond	
Dolomite	
Feldspar	Labradorite, Labradorite (Rainbow Moonstone), Orthoclase (Moonstone), Spectrolite, Sunstone, Amazonite
Fluorite	

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Garnet	Almandite, Color Change, Grossular, Hessonite, Malaya, Pyrope, Rhodolite, Spessartite, Tsavorite. Demantoid
Hematite	
Iolite	
Jade	Black, Green Nephrite
Kyanite	Blue

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Lapis Lazuli

Malachite

Natural Glass	Lybian Desert Glass, Moldavite, Obsidian
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Opal	Black, Blue, Boulder, Cachalong, Chrysopal, Crystal, Fire, Opalite, Pink, Prase, White, Yellow
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Pearl, Cultured	Saltwater: Akoya, Mabe (Assembled). Keshi, South Sea Golden,
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The same care regime applies to both cultured and natural pearls. Strands should be re-strung and cleaned annually if worn frequently. Avoid

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South Sea White,
Tahitian, Freshwater

Pearl, Natural	Freshwater, Saltwater
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Calcareous Concretions	Conch, Melo Melo
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Peridot	
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Quartz

Amethyst, Citrine, Rock
Crystal, Green, Smokey,
Yellow, Citrine,
Aventurine, Dumortierite,
Pietersite, Quartzite,
Rose, Rutilated,
Tourmalinated,
Tiger's Eye, Tiger's Iron,
Hawk's Eye

Rhodochrosite

Rhodonite

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Serpentine	Bowenite, Chita
Shell	Mother-of-pearl, Helmet Shell
Sodalite	
Spinel	All colors
Spodumene	Kunzite Hiddenite

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Sugilite	
Topaz	Orange, Pink, Yellow, Blue, Reddish Orange
Tourmaline	Chrome, Blue, Green, Orange, Cuprian Elbaite, Yellow Parti-colored, Pink, Purple, Rubellite, Watermelon
Turquoise	
Zircon	All colors
Zoisite	Tanzanite, Ruby in Zoisite

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