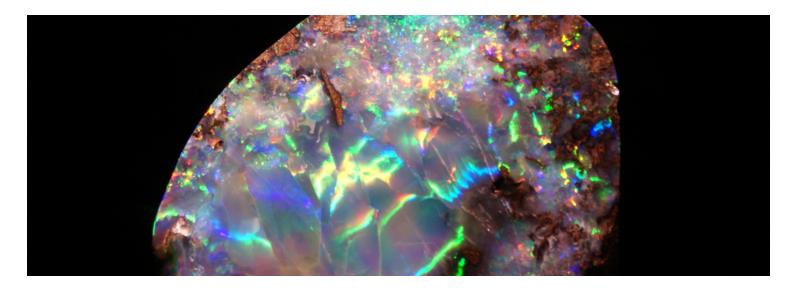


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## **OCTOBER BIRTHSTONE: OPAL & PINK TOURMALINE**

The month of October welcomes cooler days, warmer clothes and two dazzling birthstones: Opal and pink Tourmaline. These gems bring a touch of vibrant color to the season's earthier, more subdued tones. As we transition fully into fall, October's birthstones will help make your month glimmer with enchanting possibility.

## The Magical Opal



It's easy to get lost in an Opal's infinite colors. Light diffracts throughout the stone, creating a kaleidoscopic effect unique to each gem. This phenomenon is called a "play-of-color," which can only be found in precious Opals. Common Opals include the milk, resin and wood Opal, which do not exhibit a play-of-color but can be just as beautiful.

The Opal is celebrated as Australia's national gemstone, but it can also be found in places all over the world — and out of it. NASA discovered Opal deposits on Mars back in 2008, far from the Opal fields of Virgin Valley, Nevada.

In the Middle Ages, because Opals exhibit so many different colors, it was thought that these gemstones could bestow great luck and even the power of invisibility upon the wearer. Opals have also been associated with other magical powers, such as the evil eye and the gift of

prophecy. Supernatural or not, Opals never fail to mesmerize with their extraordinary depth of color and shine.



## **Tourmaline Attraction**

While a Tourmaline may not exhibit as many colors as an Opal, Tourmaline gems come in so many different varieties that they are often confused with other precious stones. In the 1500s, the very first bright green Tourmaline to be discovered was mistaken for an Emerald. Appropriately, the word *tourmaline* is derived from the word *toramalli*, which means "mixed gems" in Sinhalese.

Not only does the Tourmaline come in almost every color you can imagine, but this gemstone contains magnetic qualities as well. Its magnetism is activated when the gem is heated or squeezed, which works better with yellow, green and blue Tourmaline varieties. Pink Tourmaline gems are associated with emotional power, as they are thought to ease stress and worry while promoting love and tenderness. The vibrancy of this gem provides a warm, cheerful contrast to cooler seasonal styles.

Celebrate your October-born loved ones with beautiful October birthstone jewelry. Browse Limogés <u>bracelets</u>, <u>rings</u> and <u>necklaces</u> for inspiration!

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