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NATURAL TREASURES I



INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present a high quality collection of Uruguayan crystals. All the pieces in this catalogue were legally and ethically sourced directly from the prestigious mines of Uruguay, South America. Uruguayan amethyst is internationally recognised as being the finest and most aesthetic amethyst in the world, due to its intense deep purple colouration, the large size of its peaked crystals, and its durability. These crystals were formed over 120-140 million years during the Cretaceous period, and as all of our pieces are formed naturally, they are completely unique and unrepeatable natural wonders.

Amethyst crystals are found inside vugs (hollow cavities) or geodes (rounded or spheroidal-shaped vugs) in volcanic areas or sedimentary rocks. In some cases, mineral-laden water filters through these hollow voids over millions of years, creating a crystal lining.

Geodes containing amethyst are often formed in Basalt (volcanic rock) and can be found in Uruguay and Brazil. The enchantment of finding a geode is discovering the hidden crystals that have formed inside over millions of years.

These crystals can be of a single type or a wonderful mixture of amethyst, agate, calcite, citrine and rock crystal.



NO. 474

AMETHYSTINE BLACK GALAXY LANDSCAPE FORMATION

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 37.5 cm

Dimensions: H 25.5 cm x W 41.5 cm x D 25 cm

An exceptional formation resembling an other-worldly landscape. This spherical geode has been exposed to reveal a gorgeous amethystine quartz interior, the tinted stalactites resembling mountains and terrain, with cloud-like sparkling druze behind.



NO. 475

LARGE PEAKED PINK QUARTZ FORMATION

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 52 cm

Dimensions: H 37.5 cm x W 25 cm x D 17 cm

A stunning piece of pinkish-lilac amethyst. Its very large peaks are accentuated by the beautiful graduated colour, intensifying towards the tips of each crystal. Various crystals group together into rosettes, whilst the natural borders of the formation display blue-grey agate and white quartz.



NO. 476

FROSTY AGATISED AMETHYST CLUSTER WITH POLISHED EXTERIOR

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 64.5 cm

Dimensions: H 52 cm x W 30 cm x D 15 cm

A beautiful amethyst cluster with polished borders revealing multiple agatized layers. The interior of this specimen has a wonderful frosty appearance with purple amethyst, creamy calcites and white quartz.



NO. 477

AMETHYST CLUSTER WITH STALACTITE EYES

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

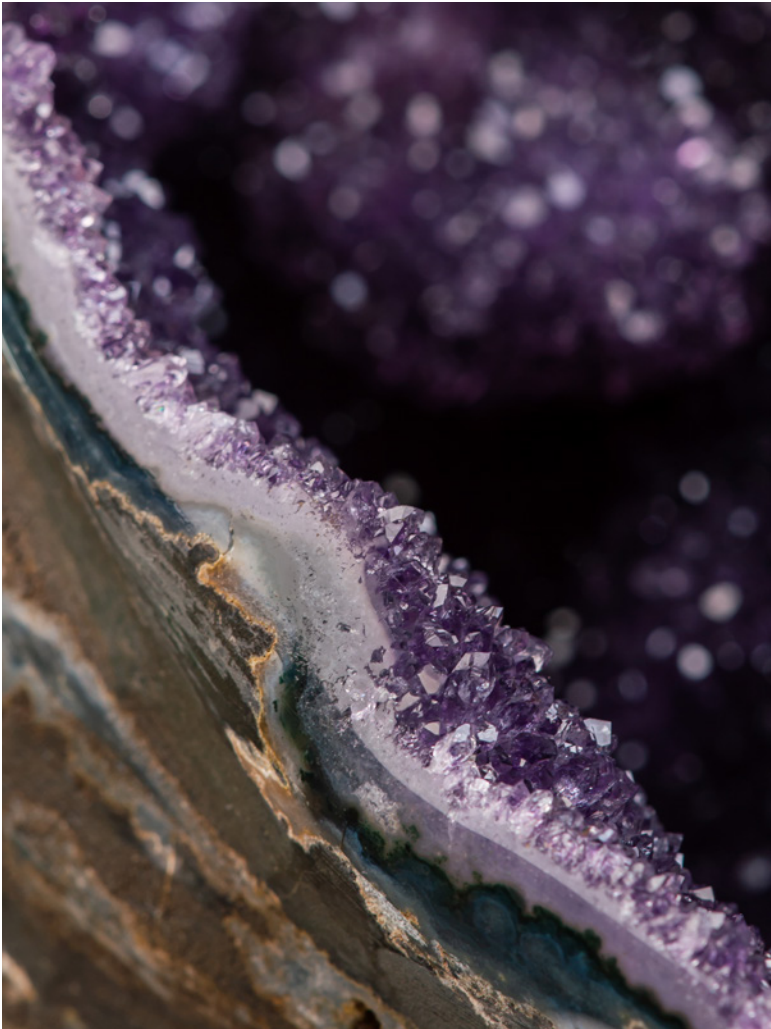
Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 63.5 cm

Dimensions: H 48 cm x W 26.5 cm x D 15 cm

Stunning large amethyst cluster with intense purple amethyst forming the background for several wonderful cut stalactites, which resemble "eyes" or "flowers". A beautiful contrast of colours are shown in this aesthetic formation, the exterior polished.



NO. 478

LARGE DEEP SPHERICAL AMETHYST GEODE

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

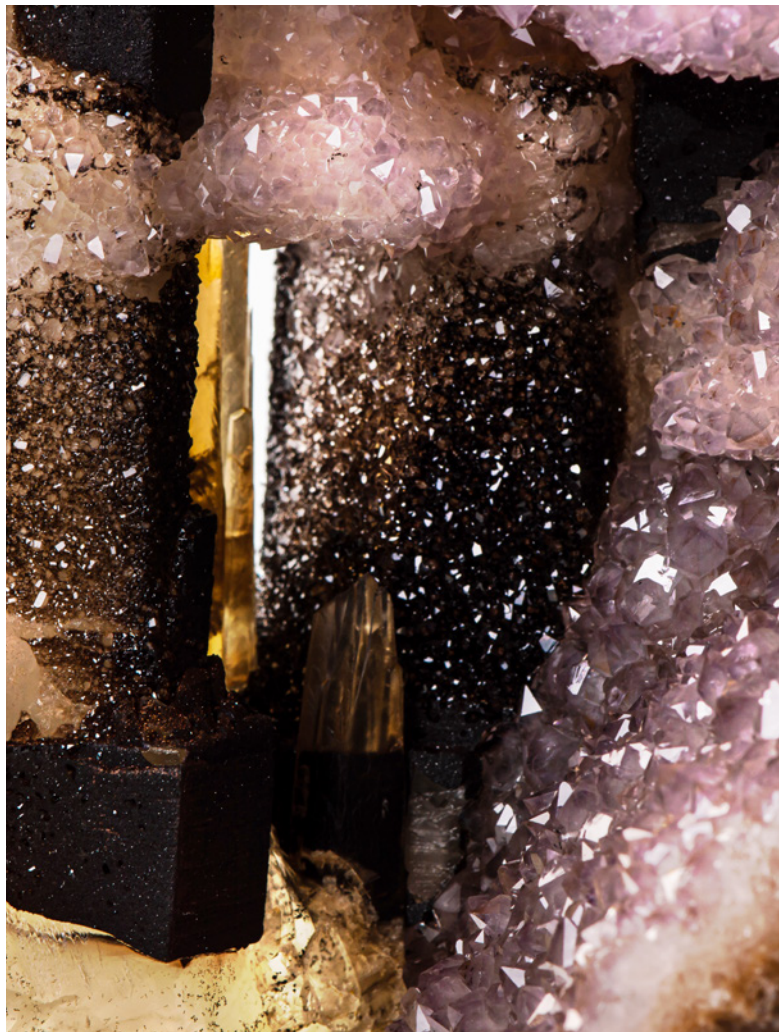
Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 46.5 cm

Dimensions: H 36 cm x W 38.5 cm x D 22 cm

A wonderful and substantial spherical geode is shown here, with deep purple amethyst crystals enveloping a central calcite. A quintessential geode and a striking display piece.



NO. 495

EXCEPTIONAL ANGEL FORMATION

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 60 cm

Dimensions: H 60 cm x W 40 cm x D 27 cm

One of the finest and most important mineral formations to have appeared from the mines of Artigas. This extraordinary specimen has several large spear shaped calcites, amethyst and goethite at the centre, with very rare epimorphism. The contrast of transparent calcite overlaid with black goethite and amethystine quartz results in a breathtaking aesthetic. With its two prominent "wings" and large figural calcite structure, the entire specimen has an angelic appearance.



NO. 497

DOUBLE WINDOWED GEODE WITH AGATISED BORDERS

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 26.5 cm

Dimensions: H 17.5 cm x W 42 cm x D 25 cm

The central element of this geode has been preserved with two windows on each side, revealing gorgeous calcite formations set on a blanket of differentially tinted amethystine quartz. The calcite itself is overlaid with white quartz and blackish goethite, the agatised borders polished in the round.



NO. 509

SUBSTANTIAL V-SHAPED FORMATION

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 140 cm

Dimensions: H 88 cm x W 85 cm x D 34 cm

This very large and impressive formation preserves amethyst of very high peaks and deep colour, punctuated by multiple cream coloured calcites. Playing beautifully in the light, the borders of this natural sculpture have been sympathetically polished to reveal the intricate mineral structures.



NO. 568

COMPLEX NATURAL GEODE SLICE

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 84 cm

Dimensions: H 55 cm x W 44 cm x D 17 cm

This large and thick slice preserves a complex arrangement of two interlocking geodes, one with a citrine-like orange quartz and another with deep purple amethyst. The exterior green celadonite "shell" of the geode can be appreciated in rough as well as polished form. A wonderful specimen.



NO. 569

GEODE HEART WITH INTRICATE FORMATIONS

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 51.5 cm

Dimensions: H 37 cm x W 46 cm x D 36 cm

From the "heart" of a large geode, this specimen shows various crystal formations of note. The multi-windowed piece shows amethyst in typical peaked form as well as stellate white quartz formations and orange druze from the other side. The piece is polished in the round.



NO. 570

EXCEPTIONAL "EXCALIBUR" FORMATION

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 85 cm

Dimensions: H 85 cm x W 48 cm x D 37 cm

With its extremely unusual central amethyst epimorph after calcite, this natural wonder evokes images of the legendary sword, Excalibur, magically fixed in the stone. Elsewhere we see quartz-frosted calcite, goethite and amethystine quartz. An extraordinary specimen.



NO. 576

LARGE AMETHYST FORMATION WITH CALCITE TOWERS

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 41 cm

Dimensions: H 36 cm x W 39 cm x D 29 cm

Two calcite "towers" grace the centre of this impressive piece, which also has large peaked amethyst crystals and quartz and goethite covered calcites. The exterior has been kept in its rough state, contrasting beautifully with the reflective interior.



NO. 578

EGG SHAPED FORMATION WITH RED DRUZE COATED CALCITE

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 42 cm

Dimensions: H 32 cm x W 23 cm x D 24 cm

This stunning egg-shaped geode has been polished in the round, the interior with high peaked white quartz crystals with the faintest glimpse of lilac at the tips. Striking like a bolt through the piece is a thin calcite, covered in extremely rare red druzy quartz.



NO. 579

UNUSUAL ORGANIC GREEN QUARTZ CLUSTER

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

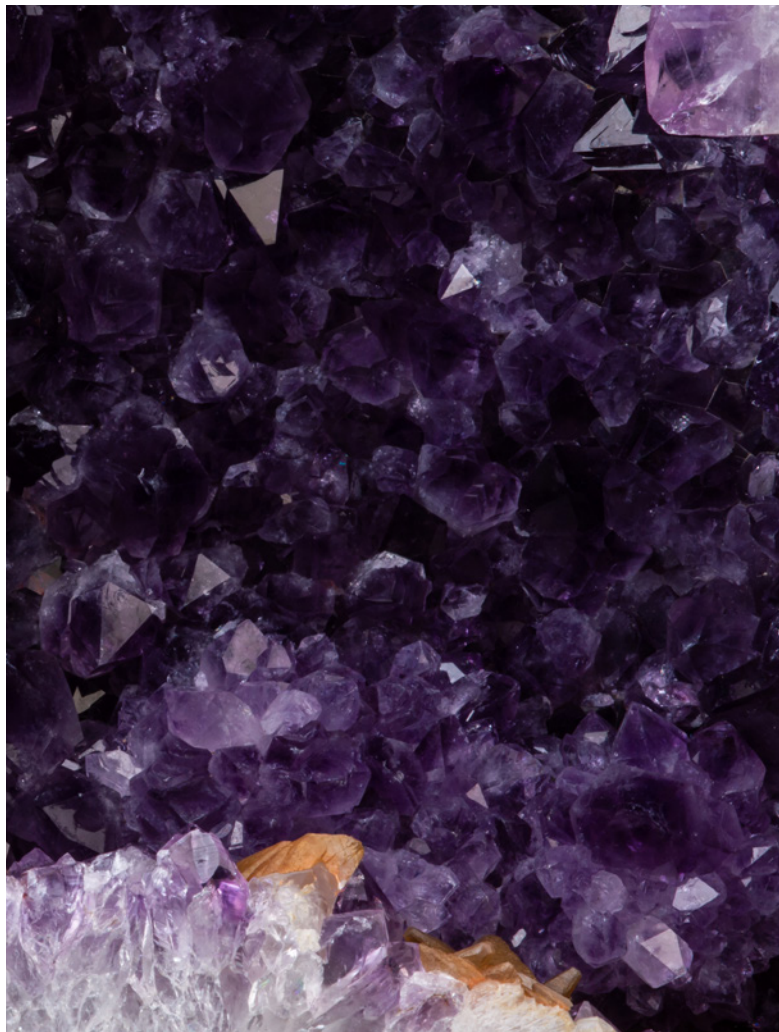
Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 54 cm

Dimensions: H 38 cm x W 37 cm x D 22 cm

Multiple stalactites seemingly grow from a grassy meadow of green quartz on this impressive piece. A wonderful sculptural specimen with a rare organic quality.



NO. 585

LARGE AMETHYST CHAPEL

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 112 cm

Dimensions: H 84 cm x W 38 cm x D 17 cm

This large amethyst chapel, a complete half of the original geode, shows deep purple amethyst crystals punctuated with small stalactites and overlaid in places with tan coloured druzy quartz. The thick white quartz borders lie inside a thin celadonite-basalt shell.



NO. 586

LARGE AMETHYST CHAPEL

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 113 cm

Dimensions: H 86 cm x W 40 cm x D 15 cm

Another large amethyst chapel, the corresponding half of the original geode, showing deep purple amethyst crystals punctuated with small stalactites and overlaid in places with tan coloured druzy quartz. The thick white quartz borders lie inside a thin celadonite-basalt shell.



NO. 587

AGATISED GEODE SLICE WITH RARE CENTRAL FORMATION

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 152 cm

Dimensions: H 60 cm x W 31 cm x D 21 cm

Bordered by a thick, blueish agate layer, this wonderful slice preserves an interior of large white quartz crystals with a prominent central calcite. The calcite itself is overlaid in amethystine quartz, in another example of epimorphism, with further pinkish "frosted" quartz projections.



NO. 611

THICK DEEP PURPLE SLICE WITH SNOWBALLS

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 77 cm

Dimensions: H 47 cm x W 46 cm x D 18 cm

This striking circular slice preserves the end of a large geode. Lined with deep purple, high peaked amethyst crystals, this wonderful piece is punctuated with small calcites overlaid with druzy quartz, resembling snowballs. Further sprinkles of white quartz adorn the adjacent pristine amethyst crystals. The whole resembling a landscape of freshly fallen crystal "snow" on a bed of deep amethyst.



NO. 612

LARGE GEODE SLICE WITH VERY HIGH PEAKED CRYSTALS

Place of origin: Artigas - Uruguay

Geological period: Cretaceous

Age: 120-140 million years old

Height (Including Stand): 76 cm

Dimensions: H 38 cm x W 34.5 cm x D 17 cm

A striking geode slice with very high peaked deep purple amethyst crystals. The thick, prominent crystals allow us to appreciate the intense cloudy quality of the finest amethyst. A small creamy calcite can be found to the interior. The borders are polished to reveal the thick crystal structure.



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