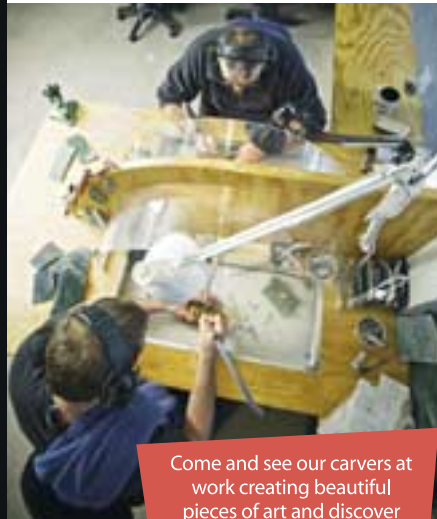


...to fine art

Unlike gemstones that are valued according to their carat weight, each individual piece of jade has its own individual value.

High quality jade that has been expertly carved sits amongst the most expensive stones in the world.

The Chinese say: "Gold has value; jade is invaluable."

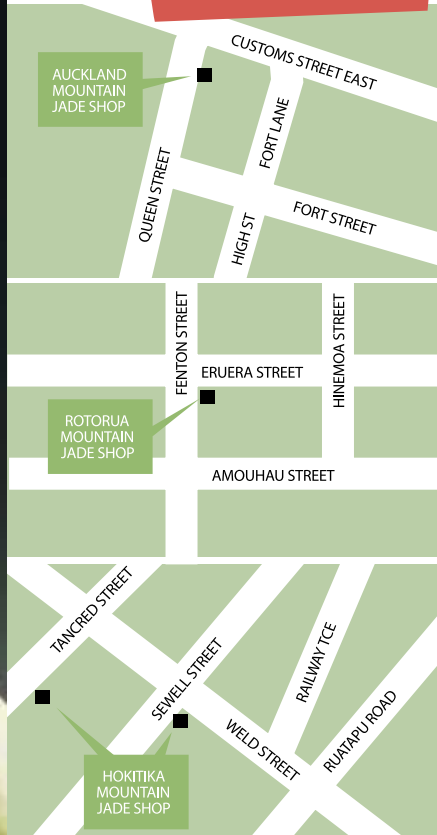


Come and see our carvers at work creating beautiful pieces of art and discover the mystical qualities of jade.

An extremely hard stone, jade must be worked with care and patience. A carver must first study the stone to see where its strengths and beauty lie to bring "the heart of the stone" to the fore.

Primitive stone tools used by early Maori to shape jade have since given way to diamond-tipped chisels but the time-honoured tradition of carving by hand remains unchanged.

To see how modern-day carvers shape this ancient stone visit one of our carving workshops – a must for anyone visiting NZ.



Locations

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Gifted by nature, sculpted by hand...



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Classical

The secret of jade's allure is in its simplicity.

Whether set in classical silver or gold, threaded onto a string or carved into an intricate sculpture, its beauty remains constant.





Traditional to contemporary...

Coveted by man for thousands of years, jade is one of the earth's oldest treasures.

Formed deep underground and shaped by the forces of nature, ancient civilisations have been captivated by its raw beauty since 5000BC.

In New Zealand Maori traditionally used jade, which they call pounamu, to make tools, weaponry and adornment.

Highly treasured for its strength, durability and translucent beauty, pounamu is considered to have mana (status) and to be tapu (sacred).

Maori believe that pounamu or "greenstone" absorbs the spiritual power of the person who wears it and that this can be passed on to future generations.

Carved jade is so highly prized by the Chinese that they value it above gold and silver. In early Chinese history, this "Stone of Heaven" was designated only for the royal family and highest ranking religious leaders and deities.

Jade carving is a painstaking and exacting art form. A carver first needs to study the stone to see where its strengths and beauty lie, in terms of colour, clarity and patterning.



a piece will choose you

Jade is a stone of balance and healing; good luck and prosperity; wisdom, peace and love.

The secret of its beauty lies in the way light reflects and moves through the stone.

Available in a spectrum of hues from black-green through to olive, apple and almost white, each piece is as unique as the person wearing it.

Let its light speak to you.

You will know instinctively which piece is right for you.

Fish Hook Hei Matau

Represents strength and determination and brings peace, prosperity and good health. Also provides safe journey over water.



Spiral Koru

Derived from the unfurling fern frond, the spiral depicts new beginnings, growth and harmony.



Manaia

The carrier of supernatural powers. Traditionally depicted with the head of a bird, the body of a man and the tail of a fish - representing sky, earth and sea and the balance between. Protects the wearer from evil.



Twist or Crossover

A seamless design that can involve a single or several turns. It represents the bonding of a special friendship or relationship.



Toki

Originally used as a carving tool, developed as a ceremonial, inherited Taonga (treasure). A toki symbolises strength and courage.



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