



## Golconda Blue Diamond

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A rare **23.24-carat Golconda Blue diamond**, with deep roots in **India's royal history**, is set to be auctioned.

- **About:** The Golconda Blue is a **rich blue diamond**, a colour grading which indicates **high purity and saturation**.
  - Modern diamonds are **optically translucent** and **fairly common**.
- **Origin:** It originated from the famous **Golconda diamond mines** in present-day **Telangana**, known for yielding iconic diamonds such as the [Koh-i-Noor](#), **Hope Diamond**, and **Darya-i-Noor**.
- **Royal Lineage:** It was once owned by **Maharaja Yeshwant Rao Holkar II of Indore**, then bought by an American jeweler, who later re-sold it to the **Maharaja of Baroda**.
  - **Jean-Baptiste Tavernier** (17th-century **French gem merchant and traveller**) elaborately discussed the **diamonds and diamond mines** of India. He also visited the **Mughal court** before arriving in the **Kingdom of Golconda**.

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