

Silver gilt and enamel brooch

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Description

An Austro-Hungarian silver gilt and enamel brooch with a cabochon chrysoprase.

Chrysoprase is a striking green variety of chalcedony, a gemstone belonging to the quartz family. Its vivid colour comes from traces of nickel, giving it a fresh, apple-green hue that distinguishes it from other green stones like jade or emerald.

Highly valued since ancient times, chrysoprase was favoured by the Greeks and Romans for jewellery and decorative carvings. It is often associated with prosperity, happiness, and emotional balance, believed to promote joy and compassion.

Found mainly in Australia, Brazil, and Tanzania, high-quality chrysoprase is translucent and evenly coloured, making it a prized gemstone for fine jewellery and ornamental pieces.