## Sardonyx

Sardonyx, a variety of onyx, is a striking gemstone known for its layered bands of red and white chalcedony. It has been cherished throughout history for its beauty and purported metaphysical properties.



## **Fun Facts:**

**Color**: Sardonyx typically features alternating layers of red, orange, and white bands, creating a visually appealing striped pattern.

**Origin**: The stone is primarily found in regions such as India, Brazil, Germany, Uruguay, and the United States.

**Formation**: Sardonyx is a type of chalcedony, formed through the deposition of silica in volcanic and sedimentary rock.

**Historical Significance**: In ancient Rome, sardonyx was often used to create cameos and intaglios, carved gems worn as jewelry or used as seals.

**Healing Properties**: Sardonyx is believed to promote strength, protection, and courage. It's also thought to enhance willpower and discipline.

Chakra Association: It is associated with the root chakra, which is linked to grounding and stability.

Astrological Sign: Sardonyx is considered beneficial for those born under the zodiac sign of Leo.

**Symbolism**: The stone symbolizes happiness, optimism, and confidence, making it a popular choice for those seeking to improve their outlook on life.

**Use in Feng Shui**: In Feng Shui, sardonyx is used to attract happiness and stability to the home, often placed in the living room or bedroom.

**Durability**: With a hardness of 6.5 to 7 on the Mohs scale, sardonyx is relatively durable and suitable for various types of jewelry, including rings and pendants.

