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## At Auction: Marie Antoinette's Jewelry

Thereafter, we have the Property of a Lady. In addition, it was only the eighth diamond of more than 100 carats ever sold at auction. When the House of Valois ascended to the French throne in 1328, the rulers began accumulating jewels and gold as a reserve of wealth.

## 10 jewels that made history and changed the market

The first section of this article describes how the most prominent European royal houses—particularly the Habsburgs, the Bourbons, and their predecessors—acquired their jewels and then details the most significant auctions of these items, starting with the collection of Madame du Barry in 1795 and the French crown jewels in 1887. Featuring hundreds of round brilliant white diamonds, the necklace wraps around the neck as a diamond-studded serpent.

## Sotheby's New York Presents 'Magnificent Jewels'

The king entrusted the blue diamond to Pitau, who recut it to 67.

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The sale takes place in Geneva on May 14th.

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