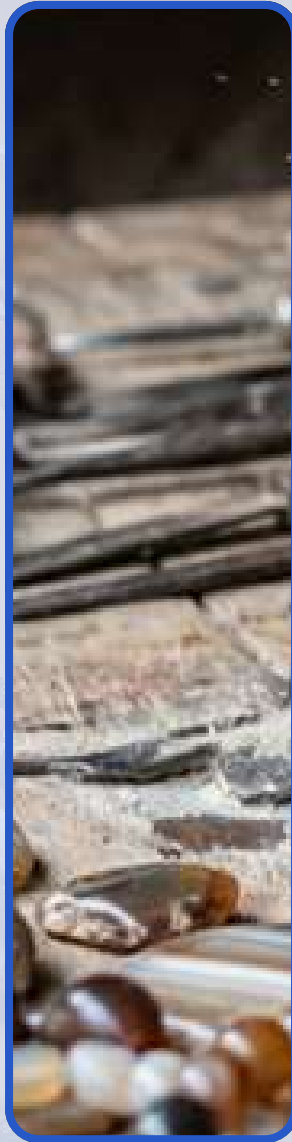




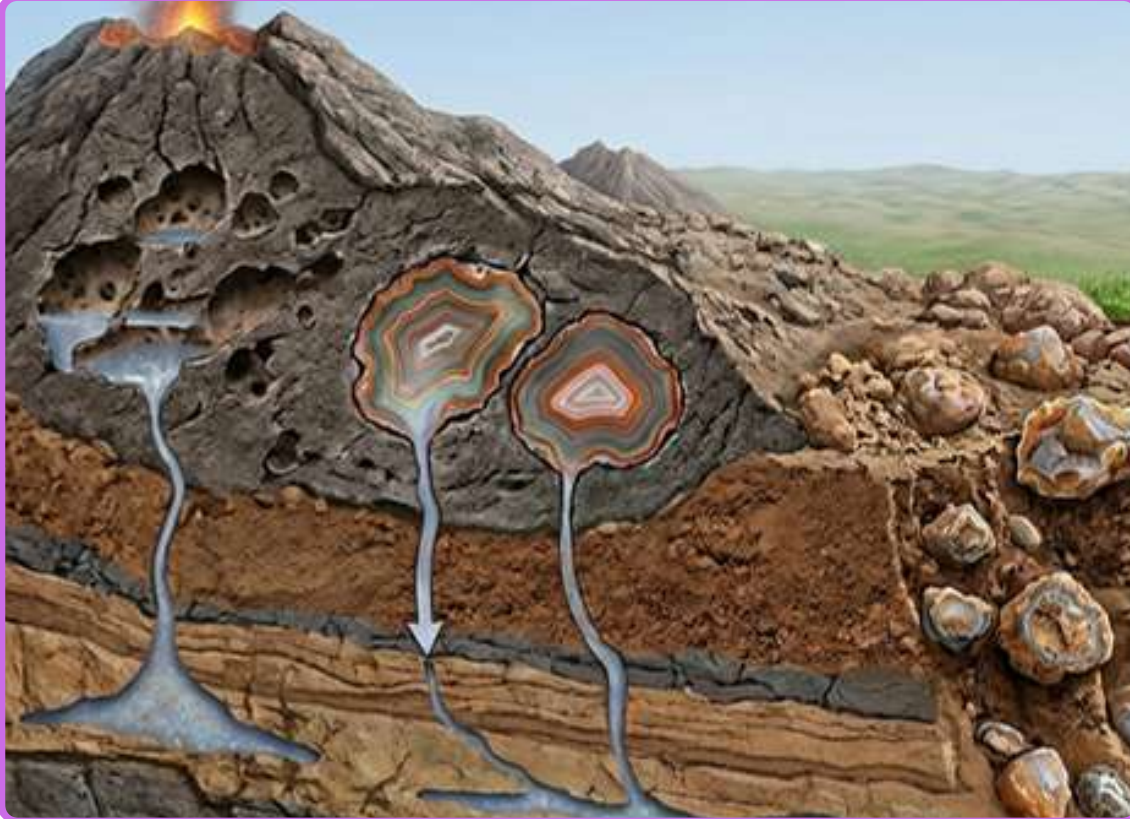
Agates of Cambay- The
Treasure Beneath Us



A GEM WITH ANCIENT ROOTS

The art of crafting agates in Cambay has existed for over 4,000 years, with evidence of bead-making operations in the area dating back to the Indus Valley Civilization.

Cambay agates were a significant international trade item, with beads being discovered in ancient Roman graves, Mesopotamian sites, and as far as West Africa.



NATURE'S ARTISTRY : **HOW CAMBAY AGATES ARE FORMED**

Agates of Cambay are formed over millions of years by silica-rich groundwater filling cavities in volcanic igneous rocks.

These concentric layers of silica gel cool and solidify, creating characteristic bands and vibrant colors due to impurities.



RAW TO RICHNESS

THE UNIQUE HEAT TREATMENT PROCESS

Artisans in Cambay use traditional techniques to enhance the natural colors of the stones. Raw stones are spread in the sun and then baked in earthen pots to transform dull grey or white stones into vibrant red, brown, and orange carnelian.

KEY VARIETIES OF CAMBAY AGATE



**CARNELIAN
(RED/BLOOD-
COLORED)**



MOSS AGATE



BANDED AGATE



**YELLOW/ROSE
AGATE**



**GREY/WHITE
CHALCEDONY**



NATURE'S COLORFUL MASTERPIECES

DIVERSE RANGE OF HANDCRAFTED PRODUCTS

- Jewelry (beads, pendants, bracelets, rings)
- Home décor (polished stones, bowls, showpieces, "gemstone trees")
- Spiritual items (pyramids, healing wands, mala beads)



GI HERITAGE

In 2008, the Agates of Cambay were awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) status by the Government of India, recognizing the unique, ancient, and specialized craftsmanship that defines this particular region.

“Not just a gemstone, but a vibrant fragment of an ancient legacy that continues to shine beneath our feet.”



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