

Black Diamonds from Outer Space = On Sale in UAE

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The origin of black diamonds, aka *carbonado*, has been a mystery. While conventional diamonds are mined in volcanic formations known as [kimberlites](#), carbonado diamonds have never been found there. Monday [NSF researchers announced](#) black diamonds are probably extraterrestrial in origin.

At last month's [Emirates Millionaire Show](#) 59,000 lucky UAE millionaires could buy a \$620,000 [Ud aka Oud aka Arab lute](#) containing a 103.59 carat black diamond, one of the largest in the world. The stone is embedded in the Ud's main rosette, pictured. Uncut carbonado looks more like a charcoal brickette, as pictured in researcher Steve Haggerty's photo.

