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FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT GOLD

It is always fascinating to consider the random and quirky facts about the resources we search for and mine.

Gold is one of Australia's most mined metals, so it is always interesting to consider its journey through history, right up until today.

Here are **15** of the most obscure and thought-provoking facts about **GOLD**.



1. Because gold is extremely ductile (that is, pliable and supple), a single ounce can be stretched into a gold thread 8km long.
2. Pure gold is so soft that it can be moulded by hand.
3. The melting point of gold is 1,064.43°C (or 1,947.97°F).
4. 'Welsh Gold' is considered extremely rare and is no longer mined, however reserves of it are still often used to fashion jewellery for royalty.
5. All precious metals have their own ISO 4217 currency code. XAU is designated to gold.
6. Gold has been formally mined for over 5,000 years, and has been discovered on every continent on Earth.
7. The first gold coins appeared as a means of currency around the year 700BC.
8. It is estimated that 142,000 tons of gold have been mined throughout history.
9. Gold ranks 75th in order of abundance of the elements in the Earth's crust.
10. The coffin found in Tutankhamen's Tomb contained around 1.5 tonnes of gold.
11. Apart from copper and caesium, gold is the only non-white coloured metal.
12. There is an estimated (mostly unextractable) 9 billion metric tons of gold in the sea.
13. A one troy ounce gold nugget is rarer to find than a five-carat diamond.
14. There are more than 400 references to gold in the King James version of the Bible.
15. Scientists in Australia have found gold particles in the leaves of eucalyptus trees.



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