Les Heures Fabuleuses de Cartier Two of a kind

A veritable collection of jewellery timepieces featuring 41 pieces, including 23 unique editions, the Heures Fabuleuses de Cartier make light of reality; enchanted tales to be told as time is transformed, the stage for a spirited bestiary whose secrets and tricks conjure a time that is more than it seems.

A collection that proclaims, like a Surrealist manifesto: "This is not a watch".

Yet time is their destiny, diverted along the way, for the fun of it, the love of intrigue. A very feminine seduction from the most extravagant jewels, amazingly precious, inscribed in the Cartier tradition of ingenious watchmaking yet poised for transformation, the guarantee of supreme elegance.

These watches are uniquely two of a kind – a jewellery performance when a diamond snake slips off the face to glide over a lapel as a brooch. And what hides behind this tortoise-shell studded with diamond scales? Illusion, now you see it, now you don't – Cartier is a watchmaking wizard with the gift of conjuring up extraordinary pieces.

The most precious watches, jewels of excellence and savoir-faire: the expertise of the watchmaker, who makes a diamond phoenix oscillate in time with the movement, and the skill of the jeweller, who transforms a chain into a delicate brooch.

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Time is elusive

Playing on an apparition, miracles of jewellery, Cartier pictures a metamorphosis of time, watches that can play any role, now a brooch, now a pendant, now a watch – or all three at a time. Tripling their functions for a fantastically playful bestiary, a snake, a frog, an elephant, the elusive heroes of a watchmaking fable where time is the jewel in the crown.







This is not a watch, it is a volatile peacock, whose flight releases it from its mother-of-pearl marquetry face. A bejewelled brooch set with brilliant-cut diamonds on a ruby flower framed by nephrite jade leaves. Sometimes it alights on the face, clipping itself on to form a figure in the round whose volumes carve out time. Sometimes it leaves the hours free to reveal their mother-of-pearl field, blooming with sculpted white gold, studded with red and green in a hail of dazzling brilliant-cut diamonds.

Les Indomptables de Cartier - Peacock watch - Numbered edition limited to 60 pieces

Case in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds

Brooch in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold: peacock in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, with a flower in natural ruby crystal, leaf in engraved nephrite jade, and eye set with a sapphire Dial in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold, mother-of-pearl marquetry, flowers in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold sculpted and enamelled in relief, a shower of adornments in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds

Sword-shaped hands in rhodium-plated steel

Strap in white brushed calfskin

Double adjustable folding buckle in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds







This is not a watch, it is a brooch, a diamond snake that clips onto the black enamel face of a watch landscaped with flowers and garnet butterflies. A technical virtuosity that works three ways, as an animal watch, a landscape watch and a snake brooch, all bound by the same keen sense of aesthetics and poetry.

Les Indomptables de Cartier - Snake watch - Numbered edition limited to 60 pieces

Case in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds

Brooch in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, eyes set with yellow diamonds, butterfly set with garnets

Dial in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold, enamelled and set with diamonds, sword-shaped hands in rhodium-plated steel Strap in dark grey brushed calfskin

Double adjustable folding buckle in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds Quartz movement







This is not a watch, it is a hanging garden of lotus flowers on which a delicate frog sits. A clip brooch whose flowering relief blooms on the glass of the dial. 1, 2, 3, a trio of transformations crafted in a perfect harmony of enamelled colours and opalescent moonstone featuring touches of pink, from gold to sapphires, and green, from emeralds to enamel.

Les Indomptables de Cartier - Frog watch - Numbered edition limited to 40 pieces

Case in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds

Brooch in 18-carat rhodium-plated pink gold: frog in 18-carat pink gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds and moonstones, eyes set with emeralds

Leaves in 18-carat white gold, enamelled and set with brilliant-cut diamonds

Lotus flowers in moonstone set with pink sapphires

Drops of 18-carat pink gold set with moonstones, sapphires and brilliant-cut diamonds

Dial in 18-carat white gold set with sapphires and brilliant-cut diamonds, miniature painting in enamel, sword-shaped hands in gold-finish steel

Strap in white brushed calfskin

Double adjustable folding buckle in 18-carat pink gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds



This is not a watch, it is a tiara, a bracelet and a brooch... Time beats at the heart of a creativity conceived from the most fanciful adaptation. Crowned with light, in reference to the famous style reinvented by Cartier. An essential design in clean pure lines for a creation illuminated by the glorious spark of a cushion rose-cut diamond.

Secret watch, tiara and brooch

Case in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds
Brooch in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds and a rose-cut cushion-shaped diamond
Tiara set with brilliant-cut diamonds and a pear-shaped diamond



This is not a watch, it is an elephant. No, it is a chain, or a pocket watch or why not all of the above? Here lies the true subtlety of the trick, the magic of a chain set with brilliant-cut diamonds on which an independent watch can hang, an elephant carousel which opens to reveal hours set with brown diamond beads.

Elephant pocket watch

Chain in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds and a rose-cut diamond Watch in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds and brown diamond beads Quartz movement

Time is unpredictable

The secret is in the art, the art is in the secret, beautiful both inside and out, the surprise hidden within. Time concealed by the splendour of a morganite, a bird's plumage, a nest of diamonds, poetic variations around a now unpredictable time, around which Cartier cultivates all the mystery. The hours appear or disappear on a whim or a fancy, precious hours whose jewelled refinements vie with creative imagination.

Time to see, time to hide, a tortoise plays with the hours that it guards. A sentinel on which a morganite is set, a gemstone shell that can open to reveal an oval silver watch dial. Is it a jewel? Is it a watch? Where is time hiding? It is true Cartier tradition to dream up watches that keep secrets, like this tortoise whose rounded shell, a veritable sculpture of diamonds, opens onto the surprise of dissimulated time.





Montre Tortue secrète de Cartier watch, morganite version

Case in rhodium-plated white gold set with a morganite and brilliant-cut diamonds, eyes set with sapphires

Translucent lacquered and silvered flinqué dial, brilliant-cut diamond hour marker, hands in rhodium-plated steel

Strap in white brushed calfskin

Double adjustable folding buckle in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds

Quartz movement





Tortue secrète de Cartier watch, diamond-paved version

Case in rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, eyes set with emeralds

Translucent lacquered and silvered flinqué dial, brilliant-cut diamond hour marker, hands in rhodium-plated steel

Strap in black brushed calfskin

Double adjustable folding buckle in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds



Time has its tricks, its unseen illusions that keep the imagination ticking behind this transformable jewel full of surprises. Two lady parrots set with brilliant-cut diamonds and baguette-cut rubies share a well-kept secret, perched from a chain of ruby beads and rose-cut diamonds. Two birds for a motif destined to become an onyx and brilliant-cut diamonds brooch whose delightful little nest hides a miniature timepiece.

Birds pendant watch and brooch

Chain in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, ruby beads and a rose-cut diamond

Brooch in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, branch in onyx, parakeets set with brilliant-cut diamonds and baguette-cut rubies, eyes and beak set with onyx Quartz movement



And what if a ring could tell the time? Nothing here implies that it might: neither the ruffled diamond feathers, nor the mother-of-pearl beak, nor the emerald eyes of a perfectly harmonious parrot. The illusion seems faultless: how astonishing to discover a confidential watch face, imperceptibly hidden, mysteriously revealed as a total surprise.

Parrot watch and ring

Watch and ring in rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, beak in mother-of-pearl, eyes set with emeralds

Quartz movement

Time is special

When hours become fanciful, defy time, enjoy the sheer beauty of a gesture, a movement, the freedom of the most precious watches that boldly adopt creative forms in an irresistible bestiary. High jewellery timepieces enchanted with spectacular stones, such as oversized beryl, oscillating movements, and bracelets that glitter with diamonds.



A diamond phoenix whose outspread wings hug the curve of a violet mother-of-pear face, adorned with feather motifs. It takes flight, the oscillations follow the movement, precious wings driven by a rondo dance that wind the watch up as they go.

Envol d'un Phœnix watch

Case in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds Crown in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold adorned with a diamond Strap in white alligator skin

Double adjustable folding buckle in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds Dial in dark purple mother-of-pearl with a feather-motif, sword-shaped hands in rhodium-plated steel Self-winding Manufacture mechanical movement, calibre 9603 MC

Oscillating weight with Phoenix motif in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, eye set with an emerald, sapphire crystal case-back



Its feline form espouses the lithe circle of time, the iconic animal in the Cartier kingdom, its enamel-spotted diamond pelt prints its black-and-white stamp on the white gold face set with brilliant-cut diamonds. A lunar watch cradling a regal panther.

Panthère divine de Cartier watch

Case in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds
Panther in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds, enamelled spots
Dial in black brass with barley-corn guilloché motif
Hands in rhodium-plated steel

Strap in black brushed calfskin

Double adjustable folding buckle in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds



Is it a bracelet? A watch? A timely adornment that glitters face to face: on one end a green beryl set in an openwork mesh of diamonds that transparently reveals the pavilion, on the other a small watch framed by brilliant-cut diamonds. A tête-à-tête between timepiece and jewellery, or the art of imagining a host of buoyant brilliant-cut diamonds, heightened by the contrast of green and white, time and eternity.

Green beryl and diamonds watch

Watch in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds and a green beryl, emerald hour-marker Quartz movement



What is she playing at? A graceful little panther clinging to the flank of a watch with a miniature face. A delicate sight whose volumes form the relief, the animal fantasy. Voluptuous and supple, it curls itself around the square geometry of calibrated diamonds set on a strikingly graceful bracelet.

Baguette Panthère watch

Case and bracelet in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with brilliant-cut diamonds and baguette-cut diamonds
Panther set with brilliant-cut diamonds, eyes set with emeralds, onyx nose
Translucent, lacquered and silvered dial with sunray effect.
Sword-shaped hands in rhodium-plated steel
Mechanical movement with manual winding 101 MC



A vibrant cuff bracelet bursting with forms, openwork circles and stripes designed as a graphic solar surge of rose-cut diamonds and brilliant-cut diamonds. Now time seems festive, inventive, bejewelled.

Diamond bracelet watch

Case and bracelet in 18-carat rhodium-plated white gold set with rose-cut diamonds and brilliant-cut diamonds