

Fabergé egg fetches record \$30.2 million

The Imperial Winter Egg, considered one of Fabergé's finest creations for the Russian royal family, has sold for \$30.2m in London, shattering the previous auction record for a Fabergé egg set in 2007

WINTER EGG: Carved in rock crystal and adorned with rose-cut diamond-set platinum snowflake decorations

Crystal base
Made to look like melting ice

Surprise: Egg opens to reveal intricately crafted bouquet of wood anemones – first flowers to bloom after Russia's frigid winter

Inside: Engraved with frost design



Commissioned in 1913 as Easter gift from **Nicholas II** to his mother, Dowager Empress **Maria Feodorovna**

WINTER EGG RECORD SALES

Year	Christie's auction	Price
1994	Geneva	\$5.6 million
2002	New York	\$9.6 million
2025	London	\$30.2 million
Breaks record of \$18.5m paid in 2007 for Rothschild Fabergé Egg		

Bouquet ▶ White quartz petals on gold wire stems with demantoid garnet centres and finely carved nephrite leaves

Alma Pihl: Designer ▶ of Winter Egg



IMPERIAL EGGS: Of 50 eggs created from 1885 to 1916 for Tsars **Alexander III** and Nicholas II, only 43 survived

Missing: 7

In institutions or museums: 36

In private hands: 7