

**Ostrich handbags** are universally recognised as **luxury items**, extremely long-lasting and really **prestigious**. Their leather is very soft and it can take on many different shades of color, including very bright ones.

Genuine ostrich skin bags are not easily found in the leather market. This is because ostrich leather is highly valued and, for this reason, it is much appreciated by luxury shops.

**Ostrich skin is a wonderful leather, characterized by its qualities of beauty, resilience and softness. All these excellent qualities make ostrich skin as prestigious as crocodile or snake skin.**

Ostrich skin gives a very soft leather and takes on the shape of the handbag perfectly. An ostrich handbag is fine looking and confers on the woman who carries it an air of sophistication and quality, showing her to be someone who takes care of her appearance and gives thought to her stylish look.

The average price of an ostrich bag is a little more expensive than that of the same item made from Indian python skin, because only selected ostrich skins are used to make these products and this quality of leather is not always easy to find!

### **So, why is ostrich skin so attractive?**

The first thing that distinguishes ostrich skin from other leathers is that ostrich skin is very different from calf or pig skin not only in quality but also from an aesthetic point of view. Ostrich leather in fact, is rich in many dark follicles, the last remaining traces of the bird's plumage. This kind of leather is very often compared to genuine crocodile skin but it's very important to know that ostrich leather is more waterproof and resilient than real crocodile skin.

Another important element to consider is that ostrich skin is more receptive to the dyeing process and more than 100 different shades of color can be achieved. This is a positive advantage but the prices of genuine ostrich bags can be so high that many people cannot afford them. In fact, a genuine ostrich handbag can cost as much as several hundreds or thousands of Euros. Genuine ostrich skin, on the international market, is very expensive but nevertheless its products are in great demand.

Genuine ostrich leather goods (in particular ostrich bags) together with genuine crocodile and genuine python skin, are top of the list of the world's most sought after luxury goods.

The main importers of ostrich skin are all the countries known as centers of high fashion such as France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the USA. Many world famous brands and companies buy the leather and produce handbags, bags, belts, jackets and many other leather items.

Today genuine African ostrich skin is one of the most expensive leathers. It has been known for years in the leather business for its wonderful, elegant qualities, most of all its pearled effect, caused by the points left on the skin where the bird's feathers have been plucked, giving it a polka dot pattern (this operation is called "pearl").

Its uniqueness comes from the thickness of the leather, which nevertheless remains amazingly soft and is very long-lasting and resilient. For example: an item made from genuine ostrich skin lasts on average about 30 years, while an item made of calf skin will last an average of only 5 – 6 years. In addition, this leather is unbelievably flexible, waterproof and easy to hand-work, dye and sew and, above all, it is wonderful to manufacture, a quality which makes it extremely attractive to

designers.

Real ostrich handbags are much more waterproof than real crocodile handbags.

Ostrich skin is characterized by its unusual design. The follicles on the leather give this skin a unique appearance and make its structure different to other leathers. The quantity of follicles dictates the price of the ostrich skin: the more follicles that are present on the leather, the higher its price. The number of follicles on the leather is constant, so the leather of an adult ostrich will approximately have the same structure and also the same quantity of follicles as the leather of a young ostrich.

The best leather is the skin obtained from birds of around 10 -14 months old because the skin at this age is already completely developed but it hasn't yet been damaged by parasites or lesions.

The total quantity of leather obtainable from an ostrich of 10-14 months old is 1,1 – 1,5 – 2 m.

Handbags made from genuine ostrich leather don't require any certificates, which makes it easier and faster to ship them all over the world without any problems passing through customs.

All our ostrich handbags, as they are produced from a very special kind of skin, are exclusively made to order.

Any customers who are interested in this product can send us an e-mail listing all the items they would like made from genuine ostrich skin. We will immediately calculate their prices which will differ, according to the models of the chosen handbags and the quantity of ostrich skin required to make each handbag, and will send the potential customers a further e-mail with the total sum payable for such an order.

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