



## **Porphyry of Russian Empires in Paris**

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So called “Schokhan porphyry” from Lake Onega, Russia, belongs surely to stones of World cultural heritage. One can see this “porphyry” at facades of a lovely palace of Pavel I and in pedestal of the monument after Nicolas I in St Petersburg. There are many other cases of using this stone in Russia. In Paris, sarcophagus of Napoleon I Bonaparte is constructed of blocks of this stone. Really, it is Proterozoic quartzite. Geology situation, petrography and mineralogical characteristic will be reported too. Comparison with antique porphyre from the Egyptian Province of the Roma Empire is given.

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