

Slovenia

Many people confuse [Slovakia](../slovakia/introduction) with Slovenia. Slovenia is a country in Central Europe touching the Alps and bordering the Mediterranean. Slovenia borders Italy on the west, the Adriatic Sea on the southwest, Croatia on the south and east, Hungary on the northeast, and Austria on the north. The capital and largest city of Slovenia is Ljubljana. Slovenia covers an area of 20,273 square kilometres and has a population of over 2 million. The majority of the population speaks Slovene which is also the country's official language. Other local official languages are Hungarian and Italian.

Up to 1918

Slovenia was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until 1918 when it became part of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.



Figure 1: 1883. SLOVENIA. St Barthelma / Sent Jernej in krein - Wien. 5 kr stat env / cds (xxx) 25 points. Gorgeous item.

Dealer Antonio M. Torres Shop
Fixed price: 375.00 USD

Stamps were issued specifically for Slovenia, including the well known "chainbreakers" series, until Slovenia became part of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia in 1929.[1][2]



Figure 2: YUGOSLAVIA - SLOVENIA - LETTER SENT LOCO OSIJEK 1916?. FRANKED WITH VERIGARI (CHAIN BREAKERS) USD15.0

World War II

On 8 July 1941 the Germans annexed parts of Slovenia, as Lower Styria, extending south to the River Sava and German stamps were

used. Italy later occupied the rest of Slovenia as the Province of Lubiana. In September 1943 Italy ended hostilities with the allies and the Germans took over Lubiana, renaming it the Province of Laibach. Stamps were issued by both countries, most of which were overprints on existing stamps.[1]

Post war

In 1945 Slovenia became a part of Yugoslavia and used their stamps until 1991-92.[1]

Independent Slovenia

The first stamp of independent Slovenia was issued on 26 June 1991. Yugoslav stamps were valid for postage in Slovenia until 25 April 1992.[1]



Figure 3: EUROPA CEPT - 2000 - SLOVENIA - IMP.+PERF.** MNH EU 5



Figure 4:

An interesting innovation is the addition of the barcode on the stamp.

<http://slovenian-stamps.webs.com/>

All slovenian stamps from 1991-2012 <http://www.posta.si/postne-znamke/534?year=1991>

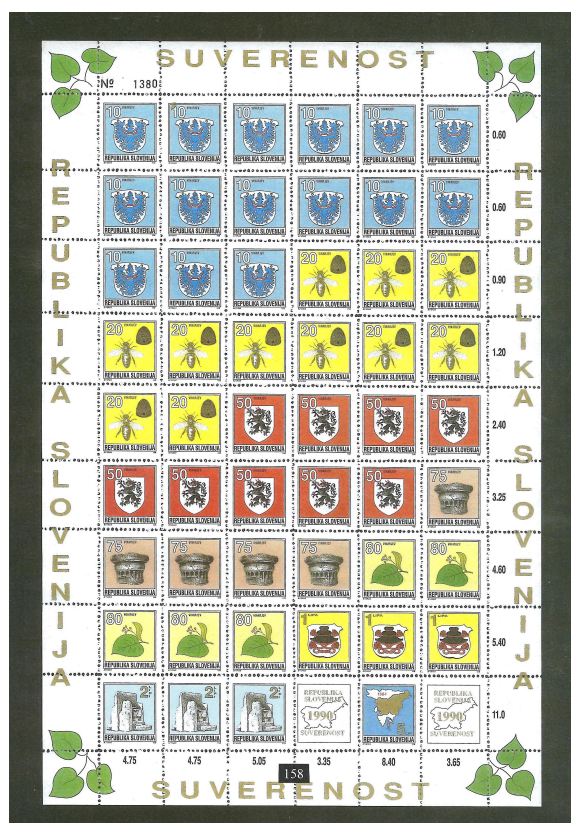


Figure 5: 1990 "Cinderellas". Complete sheet of propaganda labels related to the Independence of Slovenia.

Dealer Philadria d.o.o.

Auction SOLD Price (no guarantee): 40.00 EUR



Figure 6: first stamp



Figure 7: 2009 bronze age dagger.
27/11/2009



Figure 8: 2012 Bumblebees block. Issued 09/28/2012