



MALI STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

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INTRODUCTION

##Mali

Postage stamps and postal history of Mali

This is a survey of the postage stamps and postal history of Mali. Mali is a landlocked country in Western Africa bordering Algeria on the north, Niger on the east, Burkina Faso and the Cote d'Ivoire on the south, Guinea on the south-west, and Senegal and Mauritania on the west. Its size is just over 1,240,000 kmsup:2 with a population more than 14 million. Its capital is Bamako.

The Mali Republic was created in September 1960 and occupies roughly the same territory as the former French Sudan. It replaced the previous, short lived, Mali Federation between [French Sudan](../french-sudan/introduction) and Senegal.

First stamps



Figure 1:

The first stamps of the Mali Federation were issued on 7 November 1959. The first stamps of the Mali Republic were issued in September 1960. Although Mali has issued large quantities of philatelically inspired stamps, the stamps can be genuinely found on covers posted to mostly overseas destinations.



Figure 2: 1971 Costumes cover. \$10

They are mostly purchased for topical collections.

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