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OLD COINS OF CHINA

A GUIDE TO THEIR IDENTIFICATION



By Holger Jorgensen

### A USEFUL BOOK:

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# RECENT ISSUES

## NEW BULGARIA 2026 EURO COINS



Bulgaria adopted the Euro as their currency on January 1, 2026. Their new coins reflect the nation's history, culture and faith. This set includes all eight of Bulgaria's new regular issue Euro coins. The 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Euro cent coins depict the Madara Horseman. The Madara Horseman is an impressive life size rock carving, located some 75 feet (23m) from the ground on a high cliff near the village of Madara in Bulgaria. The carving dates from the early 8th Century, during First Bulgarian Empire. The carving features a horseman spearing a lion. A dog follows at the horse's feet. Exactly who or what it represents is a matter of debate. The bi-metallic 1 Euro coin depicts Saint Ivan (John) of Rila (Rilski) who is the

county's patron saint. He was an early 10th century hermit who performed many miracles. The 2 Euro depicts Saint Paisius of Hilendar. He was a 18th Bulgarian monk. His book documenting Bulgaria's rich history helped sparked a nationalist movement and he is considered forefather of the Bulgarian National Revival. The coins are all struck to the Euro coin standards and include the maps of Europe designs on the reverse.

**Item BG-EUSET BULGARIA 8 COIN EURO SET 2026 UNC. .... \$16.00**

## BRAZIL COMMEMORATES CENTRAL BANK & REAL CURRENCY

Central Banks seem to like to commemorate themselves, even when they do a really poor job of managing their currency and most citizens really don't care for central banks. Brazil recently two circulating commemorative 27mm bi-metallic 1 Real



2025 - Central Bank



2024 - Real



Reverse

coins. The 2025 issue commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the Central Bank of Brazil. The coin depicts the Bank's 60th Anniversary emblem. During that 60 years Brazil experienced massive hyperinflation, going through seven different currencies types in an effort to keep up with spiraling prices. The 2024 1 Real commemorates the 30th Anniversary of the introduction of the Real currency. The coin features female effigy of Brazil and the legend "30 ANOS DO REAL - BRASIL 1994 - 2024" The Real was introduced in 1984 and was worth two quadrillion seven hundred fifty trillion of the 1965 Cruzeiros. When introduced the 1 Real was worth about 1 US dollar. Inflation is substantially lower, but still not fully under control. 1 Real is now worth about 19 US Cents (and a dollar was worth a lot more in 1984!). The coins have similar reverses, featuring denomination, the Southern Cross and geometric patterns.

**BZ-1R-25 BRAZIL 1 REAL 2025 60 YEARS OF THE CENTRAL BANK UNC. ....\$4.00**

**BZ-1R-24 BRAZIL 1 REAL 2024 30 YEARS OF THE REAL KM738 UNC.....\$4.00**

**BOLIVIA CELEBRATES 200th ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE**



Bolivia issued this 11-sided 2025 stainless steel 2 Bolivars to commemorate the 200th anniversary of its independence. One side features the Casa de la Libertad, where its declaration of independence as signed in 1825, its first constitution was drafted and where the Bolivian Congress met until 1898. It is now the most important history museum in Bolivia. The other side depicts the Bolivian coat of arms. Below the

arms is the Bolivian bicentennial emblem; a stylized "200" incorporating traditional designs.  
**Item BO-2B25 BOLIVIA 2 BOLIVANOS 2025 UNC. ....\$9.50**

**COSTA RICA CELEBRATES ANNEXATION OF PARTIDO DE NICOYA**

In 1824, the residents of Partido de Nicoya voted to become part of Costa Rica rather than join Nicaragua. The event significantly expanded Costa Rican territory and enriched the nation culturally. The event is celebrated annually in Costa Rica. In 2024 a bi-metallic 500 Colones was issued to commemorate the event. The obverse includes a partial map of Costa Rica with the region shaded. Next to the map is a Guanacaste tree, which grows extensively in the region and is Costa Rica's national tree. Below is a woman in a traditional dress. The reverse includes a latent image that changes from "BCCR" (initials of the Central Bank) to "500" as the coin is tilted.



**Item CR-500C COSTA RICA 500 COLONES 2024 NICOYA UNC.....\$7.00**

**CHINA 2026 YEAR OF THE HORSE COIN AND BANKNOTE**



China released a 2026 dated bi-metallic 10 Yuan coin and a colorful 2026 20 Yuan polymer banknote to commemorate the Year of the Horse. The 27mm coin depicts a traditional artistic depiction of a prancing horse, a palace lantern, and plants on the reverse. The denomination surrounded by an intricate etched design is on the obverse. The large number 10 contains latent images, which change from Western to Chinese characters as the coin is moved. The 20 Yuan note features a stylized prancing horse, the denomination in SPARK optical and a clear window on the front. The back features three children playing musical instruments and legends in Chinese, Mongolian, Tibetan, Uyghur and Zhang. The polymer note is 70 x 145mm,



**Item CN-HORSE26 CHINA 10 YUAN 2026 HORSE COIN, BU ..... \$8.00**

**Item PM-CN-20Y-HORSE CHINA 20 YUAN 2026 NOTE, UNC. ....\$16.00**

## CANADA CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY OF CN TOWER



Canada issued colored and uncolored versions of their 2026 bi-metallic 2 Dollar coin for the 50th Anniversary of the CN Tower in Toronto. The color version glows in the dark to reveal the Toronto skyline

at night. Both versions have the same design, featuring the CN Tower against the 2026 Toronto skyline, whose modern skyscrapers tower above an outline of the city's skyline as it appeared in 1976. Views of the 1976 skyline appears on the left side of the outer ring. The 2026 skyline appears on the right side. King Charles III is on the obverse. At a height of 1815 feet (533 m) it was the tallest free standing structure in the world from the time it opened in 1976 until 2007. The name CN originally referred to the Canadian National Railway who built the it on a former railyard. In 1995 it was transferred to the Canadian government.

**Item CN-2D26COL-CN CANADA 2 DOLLARS 2026 CN TOWER, COLOR UNC. ....\$6.00**

**Item CN-2D26REG-CN CANADA 2 DOLLARS 2026 CN TOWER, REGULAR UNC. \$6.00**

## CURACAO AND SINT MAARTIN HONOR NEW CURRENCY WITH COLOR COINS



To commemorate the adoption of Caribbean Guilder Curacao and Sint Maartin issued a special colored version of their new 50 Cent coins dated 2025. The two coins have the same design, other than the name of the country. Both depict a colored Orange blossom and the country name on the obverse and the denomination and three Favored Tellin shells (*Arcopagia fausta*) separated by pearls on the reverse.

**Item CARIB-SET2 CURACAO AND SINT MAARTEN SET OF 2 50 CENTS UNC.\$14.00**

## GERMAN 2026 2 EURO CELEBRATES KONRAD ADENAUER

Germany celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of Konrad Adenauer on this 2026 circulating commemorative 2 Euro coin. Adenauer was the first chancellor of West Germany, serving from 1949 until 1963. He helped rebuild of the West German following the destruction of World War II and was a leader in European economic integration which lead to the formation of the European Union. Adenauer is pictured on the coin. On the right is the letter "D" for Deutschland (Germany). Towards the top is the mintmark (A=Berlin, D=Munich, F=Stuttgart, G=Karlsruhe, J=Hamburg).



**Item DE-2E26-ADE GERMANY 2 EURO 2026 ADENAUER UNC. (Mint our choice) \$6.00**

**Item DE-2E26-ADEx5 All 5 mints of GERMANY 2 EURO 2026 ADENAUER UNC. \$29.50**

## GERMANY 2026 2 EURO HONORS BREMEN

Germany continued their second series of annual 2 Euro coins honoring each of the German each of their Bundeslander (states) with this Bremen 2 Euro. The coin depicts the Klimahaus Bremerhaven (Bremerhaven Climate House) science museum. The museum opened in 2009, the design of which said to resemble the shape of a ship. The museum allows visitors to take a virtual south to north tour around the world along approximately the 8th meridian east, which is near where Bremerhaven is located. The temperature, humidity, and sounds of each station is adjusted to reflect local conditions, thus the Niger exhibit is a humid 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35C) while the Antarctic exhibit is a chilly 21 degrees Fahrenheit (-6C). At the top of the coin is the letter "D" for Deutschland (Germany). Towards the left is the mintmark (A=Berlin, D=Munich, F=Stuttgart, G=Karlsruhe, J=Hamburg).



**Item DE-2E26-BREMEN GERMANY 2 EURO 2026 BREMEN UNC..... \$6.00**

**Item DE-2E26-BREMENx5 All 5 mints of GERMANY 2 EURO BREMEN UNC. ... \$29.50**

## PINOCCHIO ON 2026 ITALIAN 2 EURO

Italy celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Carlo Collodi on this 2026 2 Euro. Collodi was a journalist, humorist and author. He was born Carlo Lorenzini but adopted the name Collodi after his childhood home when writing political pieces. He turned to children's literature after becoming disenchanted with Italian politics. The Adventures of Pinocchio is his most famous work. The original story was dark with an obnoxious, nasty Pinocchio. The 1940 Disney film made him much more innocent and likable. The coin depicts Pinocchio both as a wooden puppet with a woodpecker on his long nose and a live boy.



**Item IT-2E26-PINO** ITALY 2 EURO 2026 CARLO COLODI - PINOCCHIO UNC. ....\$8.00



## LATVIA COMMEMORATES SELIJA HISTORICAL REGION

Latvia commemorated Selija (Selonia) on this 2025 2 Euro coin. It is located in south-eastern Latvia. It is one of five historical regions of Latvia. There are records of Selija dating back to the 13th century, though it was not recognized as an historical region until 2021. The coin depicts the region's coat of arms which features a stag with an impressive set of antlers.

**Item LV-2E25-SELĪJA** LATVIA 2 EURO 2025 SELĪJA UNC. ....\$6.00

## LITHUANIA CELEBRATES ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ON 2026 2 EURO

Lithuania celebrated its energy independence from Russia on this 2026 2 Euro. It has completely halted Russian oil, gas, and electricity imports. It expanded the use of renewables and synchronized its sgrid with continental Europe. The coin features a bird with lightning bolts as its tail as a symbol of energy. The head of the bird morphs into a stylized version of the Columns of the Gediminas which has been a state symbol of Lithuania since the 14th century. The wings symbolize the harmony between internal energy sources and the new external connections.



**Item LT-2E26-ENERGY** LITHUANIA 2 EURO 2026 ENERGY UNC.....\$7.00

## LITHUANIA 2025 2 EURO COMMEMORATES LITHUANIA MINOR



Lithuania continued their annual series of 2 Euro coins with the 2025 issue for Lithuania Minor (Maoji Lietuva). Lithuania minor is one of five ethnographic regions of Lithuania. It is located in south-western Lithuania bordering Kaliningrad and the Baltic Sea. It is sometimes known as Prussian Lithuania. For much of its history it was under the control of the Teutonic Knights, Prussia or the German Empire. The region still shows strong Germanic influences. The coin features the arms of Lithuania Minor which depicts a moose holding a spear.

**Item LT-2E25-MINOR** LITHUANIA 2 EURO 2025 LITHUANIA MINOR UNC.....\$7.00

## SLOVAKIA 2026 CAPITAL OF EUROPEAN CULTURE 2 EURO

Slovakia commemorated the city of Trencin on this 2026 2 Euro coin. Trencin was selected to be one of two Capitals of European Culture in 2026. The Capital of European Culture program "brings Europeans closer together by highlighting the richness and diversity of European cultures and raising awareness of their common history and values." Most importantly, it promotes tourism. The coin features the Trencin castle, which is now a popular museum. Below the castle are an artist palette, movie camera, and a theatrical mask, representing different aspects of European arts.



**Item SK-2E26-CULTURE** SLOVAKIA 2 EURO 2026 TRENCIN UNC.....\$7.00

## CARTOON CHARACTERS ON SLOVENIA 2025 2 EURO

Slovenia commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of cartoonist, animator, illustrator and sculptor Miki Muster on this 2026 2 Euro coin. The coin depicts three of his most famous cartoon characters: Zvitorepec (Twist-tail) a plucky fox, Trdonja (Hardy) a cautious turtle, and Lakotnik (Hungerton) a simple-minded, always hungry wolf. The characters appeared in a comic page that ran for over 20 years. In addition he produced numerous picture books, animated films and television commercials.



**Item SI-2E26-MIKI SLOVENIA 2 EURO 2025 MIKI MUSTER UNC..... \$6.00**

## UKRAINE WAR COMMEMORATIVE 10 HRYVENS

Ukraine continued their series of circulating commemorative 10 Hryven coins featuring groups involved in the war



efforts with four new 2025 coins. The National Police coin includes a police dog, a saluting police officer and an officer shooting a gun. Above him is the National Police Emblem. The emblem of the National Guard of Ukraine is featured on its coins. An active firefighter is on the coin for the State Emergency Services. The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Force coin features their emblem which is a robot bird and their slogan "Our weapon is our intellect". The Force has probably done more to change modern warfare than any other organization through their use of drones. All four coins have the same reverse that includes the Ukraine arms, denomination and date within a traditional Ukrainian ornamental pattern. The 23.5mm coins are struck in nickel-plated zinc.

**Item UA-WAR25 UKRAINE SET OF 4 10 HRYVEN 2025 WAR EFFORT UNC..... \$12.00**

## UKRAINE REMEMBERS LOST PROVINCES



background, along the with name of the oblast. The three territories honored are The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Donetsk Oblast and Luhansk Oblast. The 23.5mm nickel-plated zinc coins have the same reverse that includes the Ukraine arms, denomination and date.

**Item UA-LOST25 UKRAINE SET OF 3 10 HRYVEN 2025 LOST OBLASTS UNC... \$10.00**

## COSTA RICA WILDLIFE COINS



Costa Rica issued five 50 Colones coins in 2023 featuring native wildlife. The five animals featured are the Menelaus blue morpho butterfly, Silky anole lizard, Hawksbill turtle, Marine crab and Red-eyed tree frog. The nickel-brass coins have the denomination and country name on the obverse.

**Item CR-WILD5 COSTA RICA SET OF 5 WILDLIFE 50 COLONES 2023 UNC..... \$15.00**

# WORLDWIDE COINS & TOKENS

## SCARCE PORTUGUESE ANGOLA COIN

Portuguese explorers reached Angola in 1484. Portugal established settlements and trading posts along the coast in the 16th century. Much of the trade consisted of exchanging manufactured European goods for slaves from local slave traders which were shipped to Brazil. Portuguese control of Angola slowly extended inland though the boundaries were not finally delineated until the 1920's. A war for independence broke out in 1961 that continued until independence was finally granted in 1975. This 1967 Portuguese Angola 2 1/2 Escudos was struck in Lisbon during Angola's war for Independence. The 20mm copper-nickel coin features the coat of arms of Portuguese Angola on one side and the and Portugal's national emblem on the other.



**Item AO-2.5E PORTUGUESE ANGOLA 2 1/2 ESCUDOS 1967 KM77 BU .....\$6.00**

## ANGOLA CELEBRATES PEACE & RECONCILIATION

Angola issued a commemorative 200 Kwanza coin in 2022 to celebrating 20 years of Peace and Reconciliation following the end of the civil war in 2002. The obverse depicts two people embracing each other. The reverse features the denomination and a native pattern. Within the last zero of the denomination is a latent image that changes from "200" to "BNA" (National Bank of Angola) as the coin is tilted. The 28.5mm nickel clad steel coin was struck at the Moscow mint.



The Angolan civil war broke out immediately after the country was granted independence from Portugal. Three factions that had been fighting for independence started fighting each other for control of the nation. Fighting continued sporadically for 27 years until a lasting peace agreement was finally achieved in 2002.

**Item AO-200K ANGOLA 200 KWANZAS 2022 KM114 UNC. ....\$6.00**

## HISTORIC CASINO DE VICHY GAMBLING CHIPS



The Casino de Vichy was built in 1865 at the request of French Emperor Napoleon III. It included a theater, billiards, and reading rooms. The casino and theater were expanded in the early 20th century, becoming one of the largest and most important casinos in France. It was also known as the Grand Casino de Vichy. It was in the theater in 1940 that the French

parliament voted to give Marshal Petan and his collaborationist regime full power to rule what was called Vichy France, The Casino closed was by 1995, The theater has been updated and is now called Opera de Vichy where it hosts major performances. These shellac casino chips have multiple colored inserts and have the same design on both sides The ivory colored 100 Francs and blue 200 Francs are 39.5mm They were probably used from the late 1940's to the late 1950's. The tokens are individually numbered. All numbers with just 4 digits, so I doubt there are many still around.

**Item VICHY-100F FRANCE CASINO DE VICHY 100 FRANCS TOKEN VF-XF.....\$8.00**

**Item VICHY-200F FRANCE CASINO DE VICHY 200 FRANCS TOKEN VF-XF.....\$9.00**

**ARGENTINA COIN SET FEATURES NATIVE TREES**



Argentina issued four coins featuring native trees between 2017 and 2020. The 1 Peso features a Jacaranda. The 2 Pesos depicts a Palo Borracho tree. The

name translates as "drunken sticks", but is known in English as a White Silk Floss tree. An Arrayan (Chilean Myrtle) is on the 5 Pesos. The 10 Peso features a Calden. The reverse of the coins includes the denomination and depicts a flower, the location of which indicate where in Argentina the tree is commonly found.

**Item AR-TREE4 ARGENTINA 4 COIN SET 1-10 PESOS 2017-20 KM186-189 UNC..\$5.00**

**2023 ECUADOR COIN SET FEATURES NATIONAL HEROES**

In 2023 Ecuador released 8 new stainless-steel coins featuring national heroes. The 5 Centavos depicts Isidoro Ayora, a former president, doctor and singer. The two 10 Centavos feature former presidents Galo Plaza and Jaime Roldos. The



three 25 Centavos depict Soccer player Alberto Spencer, novelist Jorge Icaza, and painter & sculptor Oswaldo Guayasamin. The two 50 Centavos feature indigenous leader Transito Amaguana and Matilde Hidalgo de Procel, the first woman doctor and the first woman to vote in Latin America. The denomination and date are on the reverse.

**Item EC-SET8 ECUADOR 8 COIN SET 5-50 CENTAVOS 2023 KM131-138 UNC. \$15.00**

**CANADA'S 125th ANNIVERSARY**

Canada issued this circulating 1 Dollar coin to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. The reverse features three children waving a flag in front of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The 11-sided. 26.5mm, aureate-bronze-plated nickel coin depicts Queen Elizabeth on the obverse.



**Item CA-1D92 CANADA 1 DOLLAR 1992 125th ANNIVERSARY KM218 UNC. ....\$3.00**

**SPHINX ON 1954 EGYPTIAN 1 MILLIEME**

The Great Sphinx at Giza is featured on the front of this Egyptian 1 Millieme. The back includes the denomination and date in Arabic. The coin is double dated with both the AH date of 1354 and the AD date of 1954. It was one of the first coins struck by the Republic of Egypt after the overthrow of King Farouk in 1952. The aluminum-bronze coin is 16mm.



**Item EG-1M54 EGYPT 1 MILLIEME AH1354-AD1954 KM375 UNC. ....\$5.00**

**Item EG-1M54x5 5 of the above EGYPT 1 MILLIEME AH1354-AD1954 UNC. ....\$15.00**

**OLD UNCIRCULATED MAURITIUS COIN SET**



Mauritius is an island nation in the Indian Ocean. It was visited by the Portuguese in 1507. The Dutch took control in 1598 and named it after Maurice, the Prince of Orange. After multiple attempts to settle the islands they gave up in 1710. Some reports say the settlements were abandoned due to

the large number of long tailed macaque monkeys that had been brought by the Portuguese and "which destroyed everything". The French took over in 1715 and imported African slaves to develop a prosperous economy based on sugar plantations. The British took over in 1810 during the Napoleonic wars. The British East India Company brought in convict labor to work the cane fields. Large numbers of indentured laborers from India were brought in during the 19th century and early 20th century. In 1968 Mauritius gained independence from Great Britain. This 3 coin set includes the 1 and 2 Cents dated 1953, the first year of issue, and the 1963 5 Cents. All three coins feature crowned Queen Elizabeth on the obverse and the denomination and date on the reverse. The coins are Uncirculated though may show minor toning.

**Item MU-SET3 MAURITIUS 1, 2 & 5 CENTS 1953-63 UNC.....\$7.00**

**THE LAST SHAH OF IRAN**

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the last Shah of Iran, is depicted on this Iranian 1 Rial coin . It was issued for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The reverse includes the Iranian crowned lion and sun emblem and the legend that translates "One who sows wheat scatters honesty". The 18.5mm copper-nickel coin was struck only from 1971 until 1974. The coin is Uncirculated but is poorly struck.



**Item IR-1R-SHAH IRAN 1 RIAL 1971-74 KM1183 UNC. ....\$3.00**

**SYRIA COIN SET DEPICTS DAMAGED HISTORIC SITES**



This attractive set includes the most recent issues of the six denominations issued by Syria from 1996 to 2018. The obverses all include the AD and AH dates in Arabic and the Syrian coat of arms which features the hawk of Quraish with two stars on the shield. The reverse of the 2018 nickel-plated steel 50 Pounds depicts the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Damascus. It is the last coin that has been issued by Syria. The 2003 bi-metallic 25 Pounds depicts the

Central Bank of Syria (CBS) building and a latent image that changes from "25" to "CBS" as the coin is moved. The 2003 nickel-brass 10 Pounds depicts the ancient colonnade and monumental arch in Palmyra. There is a latent image within the arch. The arch was destroyed during the recent civil war. The 2003 nickel-clad steel 5 Pounds depicts the Citadel of Aleppo within a pentagram. The Citadel was one of the oldest and largest castles in the world. It too was damaged during the recent civil war. The coin has a latent image that changes from "5" to "CBS". The 1996 nickel-clad steel 2 Pounds features the Roman Theatre at Bosra. The stainless steel 1996 1 Pound features the denomination within traditional Syrian ornamentation.

**Item S-SY-SET6 SYRIA 6 COIN SET 1-50 POUNDS 1996-2018 UNC. .... \$14.00**

# THE ZOO

## RARE BLACK RHINO ON BIMETALLIC ZIMBABWE COIN

The critically endangered Black Rhinoceros is featured on this bi-metallic Zimbabwe 5 Dollar coin. Though it is referred to as black, its color varies from brown to gray. The obverse depicts the Zimbabwe stone bird, which is the country's national emblem. The original soapstone sculptures were found in the ruins of the city of Great Zimbabwe and date from the 11th to the 14th century. The 27.4mm coin has nickel-plated steel center surrounded by a brass ring and is dated 2001 or 2002.



**Item ZW-5D ZIMBABWE 5 DOLLARS 2001 or 2002 (your choice) KM13 BU .....\$6.00**

**Item ZW-5Dx5 5 of the above ZIMBABWE 5 DOLLARS 2002 KM13 BU.....\$18.00**

## CRITTERS FROM LATVIA

Latvia has put some unusual critters on their circulating 1 Lats coins. The 2001 issue depicts a stork building a nest. The 2003 issue features an ant. They both have mintage of only 250,000. The 2010



coin pictures a toad and has a mintage of 1 million. The coins all feature the Latvian coat of arms and date on the obverse. The copper-nickel coins are 21.75mm in diameter and have a lettered edge. The coins were withdrawn from circulation and melted after Latvia joined the Euro in 2014.

**Item LV-STORK01 LATVIA 1 LATS 2001 STORK KM54 UNC. ....\$10.00**

**Item LV-ANT03 LATVIA 1 LATS 2003 ANT KM58 UNC. ....\$7.00**

**Item LV-TOAD10 LATVIA 1 LATS 2010 TOAD KM108 UNC. ....\$5.00**

## THE COPPER PANDA

Liberia issued this copper 1 Dollar coin depicting a Panda eating bamboo in 1997 to commemorate the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plan. It is a breeding and transfer program to manage some 300 endangered species in zoos and aquariums. The coin has legends in both English and Chinese. The obverse includes the Liberia coat of arms which includes a sailing ship and a palm tree.



**Item LR-PANDA LIBERIA 1 DOLLAR 1997 PANDA KM426 BU .....\$5.00**

**Item LR-PANDAx5 5 of the above LIBERIA 1 DOLLAR 1997 PANDA KM426 BU.\$15.00**

## SAINT HELENA & ASCENSION SEA TURTLE COIN



Saint Helena and Ascension are remote British Overseas Territories in the South Atlantic. The islands were discovered by the Portuguese between 1501 and 1504. The British East India Company settled St. Helena in 1657. Ascension was formally settled in 1815 by the Royal Navy. In 1984 St. Helena and Ascension issued a joint coinage for circulation on both islands. Included was this seven-sided 50

Pence. Queen Elizabeth is on the obverse. The reverse features a swimming Green Sea Turtle.  
**Item SH-50P ST. HELENA & ASCENSION 50 PENCE 1984 KM5 UNC.....\$5.00**

# WHEN PRIVATE COMPANIES RULED COUNTRIES

From the 17th to the early 20th century European nations often gave private companies nearly complete control of their overseas colonies, including a monopoly on trade, right to collect taxes, operate courts, issue money and maintain a military. As might be expected, this resulted in the exploitation of the native population.

## DUTCH EAST INDIA COMPANY DUIT

This copper 1 Duit was issued by the Dutch East India Company between 1726 and 1794. The company, known by its initials VOC (Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie, or United East India Company) began in 1602 to trade spices. In 1609, Henry Hudson, while exploring for the company, discovered New York harbor and the Hudson River, resulting in Dutch settlements in the area. This copper Duit coin was minted by the VOC for use in what is now Indonesia. The coins show the VOC monogram and date on one side. The other side has the arms of the Dutch province of Zeeland.



**Item VOC-ID DUTCH EAST INDIA COMPANY 1 DUIT, 1730-1792 G-VG .....\$10.00**

## BRITISH EAST INDIA COMPANY SILVER RUPEES

With the collapse of the Mughal Empire the British East India Company gradually assumed control over most of the Indian subcontinent. The company's harsh rule resulted in the Indian Rebellion in 1857. In 1858 the British government took direct control over India.



This Uncirculated hammered silver rupee was issued by the Bengal Presidency of the British East India Company between about 1813 until 1819. Though minted by the British East India Company, the coin was struck in the name of Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II. as Mughal coins were more widely accepted than those of the Company. The coin is dated both AH1229, which corresponds to 1813AD, and Year 49 of the reign of

Shah Alam II, which is 1806, the year Shah Alam II died. Though over 200 years old, the coin shows virtually no wear.

The 1840 silver British East India Company silver Rupee depicts young Queen Victoria on the obverse. The reverse includes the inscription "EAST INDIA COMPANY", and the denomination in English and Urdu within a wreath. The 32mm coin is struck in .917 fine silver and contains .344 troy ounces of silver. The 32mm coin is struck in .917 fine silver and contains .344 troy ounces of silver.



**Item IN-EICO-1R EAST INDIA CO. -BENGAL 1 RUPEE (1813AD) AU-UNC. ....\$75.00**

**Item IN-1R-1840 EAST INDIA CO. 1 RUPEE 1840 VICTORIA KM457 XF-AU.....\$72.00**

## THE MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY

In 1891 Portugal granted The Mozambique Company a 50-year concession over the central region of Mozambique. It was given almost complete control including the right to exploit resources, collect taxes, issue currency and require the natives to engage in forced labor. It did not have the financial resources to develop the territory. Most of its income came from taxes and the use of conscripted labor on its plantations. This 20 Centavos note of The Mozambique Company is dated 1933 and is punch-cancelled "PAGO 5.11.1942" (PAID November 5, 1942), shortly after the Company lost its concession to run the country.



**Item PM-MZ-R20C MOZAMBIQUE CO. 20 CENTAVOS NOTE PR29 AU-UNC ..... \$12.00**

# SILVER COINS

## ANCIENT PORTRAIT SILVER DRACHM OF THE WESTERN SATRAPS



The Western Satraps ruled western and central India from about 39AD until 415AD. They carried on extensive trade with the Roman Empire and are noted for building numerous, impressive, large cave temples carved deep into the rock. Most of their silver coins consisted of silver portrait drachms. The obverse features the bust of the king with long and

wearing a hat and a corrupt Greek legend. The reverse often features the Chaitya (3-arched hill) and Brahmi legends. The coins are approximately 14mm in diameter.

**Item IN-W.SATRAP WESTERN SATRAPS SILVER DRACHM, 39-415AD G-VG.\$10.00**

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## FASCIST ITALY SILVER COIN OF VICTOR EMMANUEL III

This silver 5 Lire of Fascist Italy dates from 1927 to 1930. King Victor Emmanuel III is on the obverse. An Eagle and fasces, the emblems of Fascist Italy, are on the reverse. By 1927 Mussolini had turned Italy into a dictatorship and the king was largely a figure head. The 23mm coin weighs 5 grams and contains .1342 troy ounces of silver. It is an historic silver coin of Fascist Italy.



**Item IT-VE3-5L ITALY SILVER 5 LIRE, 1927-30 KM67 VF-XF..... \$15.00**

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## MARTIN LUTHER ON NAZI GERMAN 2 REICHSMARK SILVER COIN



Germany issued this commemorative 2 Reichsmark coin in 1933 to commemorate the 450th Anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther. It was one of the first commemorative coins issued by the Nazi government. The head of Luther is on one side and the German Eagle is on the other. The 27mm coin is struck in .625 fine silver. The coin was struck at the Berlin (A) Mint and has a mintage of 542,000.

**Item DE-2M-LUTHER GERMANY 2 REICHSMARK 1933 LUTHER, KM79 VF .....\$49.50**

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## SHORT-LIVED MEXICAN SILVER 25 AND 50 CENTAVOS



Mexico introduced new 25 and 50 Centavo coins in 1950. The coin was made from an unusual silver alloy of 30% silver, 50% copper, 10% nickel and 10% zinc. Unlike the previous Mexican silver coin, the coins do not display their weight and fineness, possibly because they had such a low silver content. The 50 Centavo depicts Cuauhtemoc, the last Aztec Emperor, looking at a descending eagle. His name means "one who has descended like an eagle". The

coin was struck only two years, 1950 and 1951. It contains .0642 troy ounces of silver. The 25 Centavos was the first time that denomination had been issued since 1892. The coin uses the "balance of justice" design that was previously employed on 19th century Mexican gold and silver coins. The coin was unpopular and was discontinued after only four years. The 25 Centavos contains .0321 troy ounces of silver. Both coins feature the Mexican Eagle eating a snake on the obverse.

**Item MX-SET50 MEXICO SILVER 25 & 50 CENTAVOS 1950-1953 XF .....\$12.00**

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# WORLD WAR II

## WWII FASCIST ITALY COIN SETS



This six-coin set of Fascist Italy includes the 5, 10, 20, 50 Centesimi, 1 and 2 Lire. King Victor Emmanuele as a Roman Emperor on the obverse. The reverses all include a fasces in the design, in an attempt to show that Mussolini and the Fascists were the power behind the throne. The coins date from 1936 until 1943.

**Item IT-FASCIST6 ITALY 6 COIN SET 5 CENTESIMI - 2 LIRE 1936-43 F-AU..... \$15.00**

## NAZI OCCUPIED NETHERLANDS



Despite being neutral, the Netherlands was attacked and occupied by Nazi Germany in May 1940. The Dutch government went into exile in London and the Germans took over. New coins, made of zinc, were issued by the

German occupation government. The 1 Cent features a circled cross on one side and a sprig of wheat on the other. The square 5 Cents the sun shining above a pair of crossed Saxon horse heads. The 10 Cents depicts three tulips. The 25 Cents depicts a Viking ship. The coins are dated 1941 to 1944.

**Item NL-WW2-SET4 NETHERLANDS WWII 4 COIN SET F-VF ..... \$12.00**

## NAZI OCCUPIED NORWAY

After Nazi Germany invaded Norway in 1940 the King and much of the government fled to England where they set up a government in exile. Germany replaced the copper 2 and 5 Ore that bore the cypher of King Haakon VII with iron coins featuring a lion emblem on the obverse. The reverse design featuring the denomination was unchanged.



**Item NO-WW2-SET2 NAZI NORWAY 2 & 5 ORE 1941-45 rusty .....\$6.00**

## NAZI GERMANY CARVES UP CZECHOSLOVAKIA



Bohemia and Moravia was a puppet state created by Nazi Germany in what was Czechoslovakia. This complete four coin set of Bohemia and Moravia includes the 10, 20, & 50 Haleru and 1 Koruna. The

coins were struck in zinc and featured the crowned Bohemian lion on the obverse. The 1 Koruna features the denomination on the reverse. The other coins used the reverse designs of the pre-war Czech coins: the St. Charles Bridge in Prague on the 10 Haleru, wheat ears and a sickle on the 20 Haleru, and wheat ears and linden branches on the 50 Haleru. The coins date from 1940 to 1944.

**Item BOH-SET4 BOHEMIA & MORAVIA 4 COIN SET 1940-44 F-XF-minor spots\$12.00**

# VIETNAMESE BANKNOTES & COINS

## VIETNAMESE GUERILLA CURRENCY

Vietnam declared independence at the end of World War II, however France refused to recognize it. War raged between the Viet-Minh forces under Ho Chi Minh and

France from 1946 until the defeat of French forces in 1954. The French generally controlled the cities and used the French Indo China Piastre. The Viet-Minh controlled much of the countryside and issued their own currency. The notes were to be on-par with the French Indo China Piastre, but due to the large issues of unbacked currency, they quickly fell in value. Separate issues were made for North and South Vietnam

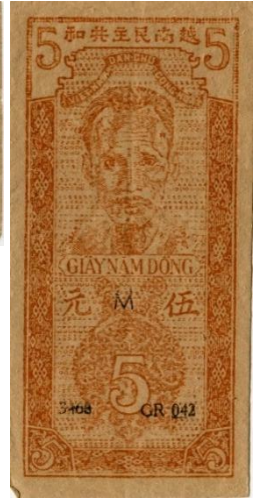


- Item PM-VN-1D46 VIETNAM (NORTH) 1 DONG (1946-47) F-VF-crude ..... \$12.00*
- Item PM-VN-5D47 VIETNAM (NORTH) 5 DONG (1946-47) F-VF-crude ..... \$25.00*
- Item PM-VN-1D48 VIETNAM (SOUTH) 1 DONG (1948) P16 F-VF-crude..... \$16.00*
- Item PM-VN-5D48 VIETNAM (SOUTH) 5 DONG (1948) P17 F-VF-crude..... \$12.00*

## HO CHI MINH VIET-CONG DONG

Ho Chi Minh is on the obverse of this 1946 1 Dong coin issued by the Viet-Cong. The denomination and a wheat stalk are on the reverse. It circulated only briefly before being withdrawn in 1948. The coin was struck using scrap aluminum under primitive conditions using makeshift so is crudely struck and shows signs of corrosion.

- Item VN-1D VIET-MINH 1 DONG 1946 KM3 VG-F-crude-corrosion ..... \$20.00*



(Nam Bo). From the northern region we have the 1 Dong note. The denomination is shown as "1\$" on the front. The back has a crude depiction of two females harvesting rice. The vertical 5 Dong note depicts a woman and a boy holding a sheaf of rice on the back. The notes were issued in 1946 and 1947. From the south (Nam Bo) is the 1 Dong that includes a women farmer on the front and five women soldiers on the back. The 5 Dong includes crude depiction of a Montagnard with a rifle hiding in the brush on the front and a farmer and water buffalo on the back. Both notes were issued in 1948 and 1949. All notes are crudely printed on low quality paper and have wide variations in color and watermarks. All are scarce.



## NORTH VIETNAMESE CURRENCY

In 1959 North Vietnam did a 1000 to 1 revaluation of their currency (this in addition to the 100 to 10 revaluation done in 1951). New notes, dated 1958 were released and remained in circulation until after the unification of Vietnam. The front of 1 Dong note features the Flag Tower of Hanoi, which was built in the early 19th century as an observation post. The back features farmers planting rice. The 2 Dong depicts an intellectual, female farmer and a worker holding the Vietnamese flag and a soldier on the front. The back depicts boats. Ho Chi Minh and tractors are on the front of the 5 Dong. An open pit mining scene is on the back. Ho Chih Minh is on the front of the 10 Dong. A factory is on the back.



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| <b>Item PM-NVN-1D</b>  | <b>NORTH VIETNAM 1 DONG 1958 P71a AU-UNC</b> ..... | <b>\$12.00</b> |
| <b>Item PM-NVN-2D</b>  | <b>NORTH VIETNAM 2 DONG 1958 P72a AU-UNC</b> ..... | <b>\$35.00</b> |
| <b>Item PM-NVN-5D</b>  | <b>NORTH VIETNAM 5 DONG 1958 P73a F-VF</b> .....   | <b>\$12.00</b> |
| <b>Item PM-NVN-10D</b> | <b>NORTH VIETNAM 10 DONG 1958 P74a VF</b> .....    | <b>\$18.00</b> |

## SOUTH VIETNAM BANKNOTES



A farmer plowing his field with a tractor is featured on the back of the brown 1 Dong note that was released in 1964. The front features geometric designs and the denomination. The note has a large watermark of bamboo stalks, similar to the design on the 1960 1 Dong coin. The orange and green 500 Dong note released in 1970 features the headquarters of the National Bank of Vietnam on the front. The back has guilloche patterns. The watermark is Tran Hung Dao, a 13th century general who repelled two Mongol invasions. The 1972 50 and 1000 Dong note features South Vietnam's Independence Palace in Saigon (now called Reunification Hall) on the front. The 50 Dong has three galloping horses on the back. The back of the 1000 Dong pictures three working elephants. The watermark is of a young Vietnamese woman. They were some of the last circulating notes issued by South Vietnam.

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| <b>Item PM-SVN-1D</b>    | <b>SOUTH VIETNAM 1 DONG (1964) P15 AU-UNC</b> .....    | <b>\$7.00</b> |
| <b>Item PM-SVN-500D</b>  | <b>SOUTH VIETNAM 500 DONG (1970) P28 AU-UNC</b> .....  | <b>\$9.00</b> |
| <b>Item PM-SVN-50D</b>   | <b>SOUTH VIETNAM 50 DONG (1972) P30 AU</b> .....       | <b>\$7.00</b> |
| <b>Item PM-SVN-1000D</b> | <b>SOUTH VIETNAM 1000 DONG (1972) P34 AU-UNC</b> ..... | <b>\$9.00</b> |

**DICTATOR ON FIRST SOUTH VIETNAM DONG**

This 1960 1 Dong coin was one of the first coins issued after the formal establishment of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) in 1954. The copper-nickel coin pictures Ngo Dinh Diem, the autocratic and corrupt ruler of South Vietnam who was assassinated in 1963. The reverse pictures bamboo.



**Item SVN-1D-60 SOUTH VIETNAM 1 DONG 1960 KM5 UNC. ....\$4.00**

**NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT NOTES FOR SOUTH VIETNAM**

These rare notes were printed in China for the National Liberation Front in South



Vietnam (NLF) in the 1960's. They may have been intended to be introduced after the 1968 Tet Offensive for use in areas controlled by the NLF. Instead, the notes were captured by United States and South Vietnamese troops during a military operation in Cambodia in 1970. The notes were never put into circulation and are technically Uncirculated, but they were stored in a damp jungle environment for many years, so they show signs of water damage and/or minor staining. The 10, 20 and 50 Xu all feature a star on the front and back. The brown 1 Dong shows farmers threshing and carrying rice in a field on the front and students in a classroom on the back. The front of the blue 2 Dong shows a convoy of women carrying heavy packs. Fisherman with boats and nets are on the back. The green 10 Dong shows farmers harvesting sugar cane on the front and soldiers ambushing a convoy on the back. They are rarely seen Vietnam War banknotes.

- Item PM-NLF-10XU NLF 10 XU NOTE PR1 AU .....\$6.00**
- Item PM-NLF-20XU NLF 20 XU NOTE PR2 AU-water damage .....\$8.00**
- Item PM-NLF-50XU NLF 50 XU NOTE PR3 XF-water damage .....\$6.00**
- Item PM-NLF-1D NLF 1 DONG NOTE PR4 AU .....\$7.00**
- Item PM-NLF-2D NLF 2 DONG NOTE PR5 XF-AU ..... \$10.00**
- Item PM-NLF-10D NLF 10 DONG NOTE PR7 VF-stains ..... \$16.00**

**NORTH VIETNESAMES COINS**

In 1958 North Vietnam (Democratic Republic of Vietnam) issued their first coins since 1946 and the first coins since gaining full independence from France in 1955.



Included in the series was the 1 and 5 Xu. The coins are aluminum and have a center hole. A modified arms of North Vietnam is on one side and the denomination and date on the other.

- Item VN-1XU NORTH VIETNAM 1 XU 1958 KM5 UNC. ....\$25.00**
- Item VN-5XU NORTH VIETNAM 5 XU 1958 KM7 XF-AU ..... \$18.00**

# UNOFFICIAL COINS & NOTES

## FREE AND INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF FRESTONIA



The Free and Independent Republic of Frestonia was a group of artists, musicians, writers, actors and radical feminist activists who took over a group of government owned, tumbledown Victorian cottages on Freston Road in London in 1974. They declared independence in 1977 in an attempt to stave off eviction.

They issued postage stamps and applied for admission to the United Nations. They even won a legal dispute with the court ruling Frestonia was not considered part of the United Kingdom for some purposes. They eventually negotiated a settlement that involved forming a formal housing cooperative and giving up claims of independence. This unofficial 2025 Frestonia 5 Pound coin depicts the arms and motto of Frestonia "*Nos Sumus Una Familia*" (We are all one family) on a brick wall on the obverse. The reverse depicts graffiti street artist Banksy's picture of an angel wearing a bullet proof vest holding a skull. The six-sided silver plated Proof coin has a mintage of just 110 pieces.

**Item FRESTONIA FRESTONIA 5 POUNDS 2025 PROOF .....\$25.00**

## ILE D'OR

Ile d'Or (Island of Gold) is a small, privately owned island just off the coast of Saint-Raphael in the French Riviera. It was purchased in 1897 by a local architect for 280 Francs. In 1909 it was acquired by Doctor Auguste Lutaud, perhaps in a card game. He declared himself August the First and had a stone tower erected on the island in 1912. The island was used for sumptuous receptions. It is said that it was the inspiration for *The Black Island* in Herge's *The Adventures of Tintin* series. This crescent shaped 2025 dated 10 Aurea depicts the coat of arms on the obverse. A sailboat and a view of the island and tower are on the reverse. The unofficial silver plated Proof coin has a mintage of just 110 pieces.



**Item D'OR ILE D'OR 10 AUREA 2025 PROOF.....\$25.00**

## AFRICAN UNION 10 AFRO

This unofficial 2026 10 Afro coin of the African Union features a lion on the reverse and a women's face superimposed on a map of Africa on the obverse. It has legends in Swahili, English, French and Portuguese. The long term goals of the African Union include promoting sustainable economic and social development, closer integration of the African economies, visa free travel throughout the continent and a single currency throughout Africa. The 40mm, eight-sided, silver plated Proof coin has a mintage of just 110 pieces.



**Item AFR.UNION AFRICAN UNION 10 AFRO 2026 PROOF..... \$25.00**

**ARGENTINOSAURUS ON ARAUCANIA & PATAGONIA COIN**



An Argentinosaurus dinosaur is depicted on the unofficial 2025 10 Austral issued for the Kingdom of Araucania and Patagonia. The coat of arms is on the obverse. The Argentinosaurus is one of the largest land animals of all time. It is estimated to be about 100 feet long (31m) and weighs 72 to 88 tons (65–80 metric tonnes).

The Kingdom of Araucania and Patagonia was founded in 1860 when French adventurer Orelie-Antoine de Tounens, was elected King by the indigenous Mapuche. He claimed a large territory covering the parts of Chile and southern Argentina. The Mapuche hoped he would assist in their struggle to retain their independence against Chile and Argentina. He was arrested and deported by Argentina and Chile multiple times before being placed in an insane asylum. He died penniless in France in 1878. Since then, the throne of Araucania-Patagonia has been passed down. The eight-sided, 40mm, silver-plated brass Proof coin has a mintage of only 115 pieces.

**Item PATAGONIA-25A ARAUCANIA -PATAGONIA 10 AUSTRALS 2025 PROOF \$25.00**

**STEGOSAURUS ON SIBERIAN COIN**

A Stegosaurus is featured on this unofficial 2025 dated 50 Ruble coin of Siberia. The dinosaur once roamed Siberia. The obverse of the coin features the Siberian coat of arms. Russia gradually took control of Siberia between the late 15th and early 18th centuries. Since then, there have been multiple attempts to form an independent Siberia. The odd-shaped 39mm silver-plated Proof coin has a mintage of only 115 pieces.



**Item SIBERIA SIBERIA 50 RUBLES 2025 PROOF..... \$25.00**

**BALOCHISTAN COIN FEATURES SOLDIERS AND IBEX**



Balochistan is a historic region on the north coast of the Indian Ocean. It lies on the critical route connecting India with Persia. As a result, it has been the scene of numerous fierce battles for control of the region. Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan. Since 1948 there have been numerous uprisings and a low level insurgency since 2003 in an effort to gain independence.

This unofficial 2025 Balochistan 20 Rials depicts soldiers of the Balochistan Liberation Army on the obverse and a Siberian Ibex (Capra sibirica) on the reverse. The 40mm, eight-sided, silver plated Proof coin has a mintage of just 110 pieces.

**Item BALOCHISTAN BALOCHISTAN 20 RIALS 2025 PROOF..... \$25.00**

**ELEPHANT ON PATANI COIN**

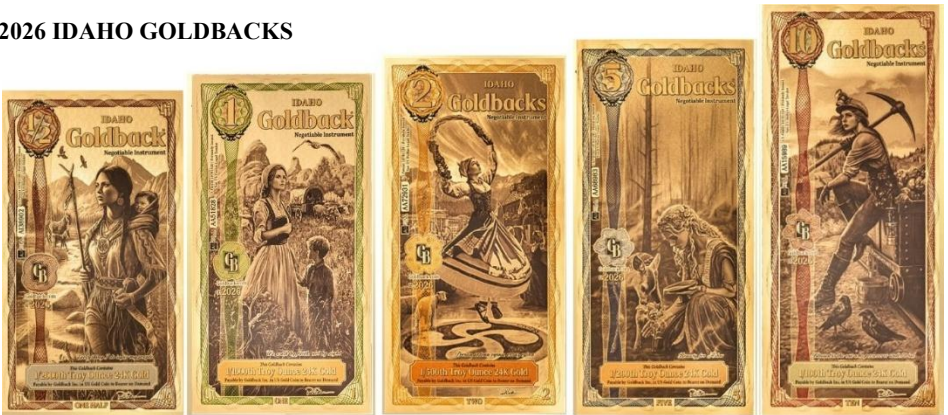


Patani was once a powerful Muslim Sultanate that included southern Thailand and northern Malaysia. Siam conquered it in 1786, gradually made it part of Thailand and imposed Thai-Buddhist customs. Recently militants fighting for an independent Patani

or incorporating it into Malaysia have made much of the region largely ungovernable. The obverse of this unofficial 2025 Patani 70 Rinjat coin depicts the Patani coat of arms. The reverse features an armed rebel with an elephant in front of an ancient Hindu temple. The six-sided, 39mm silver plated Proof coin has a mintage of only 110 pieces.

**Item PATANI PATANI 70 RINJAT 2025 PROOF ..... \$25.00**

**2026 IDAHO GOLDBACKS**



Goldback notes are a voluntary local currency made of 24 karat gold! Each wafer-thin note is coated with a protective plastic coating so it can be circulated without the gold tearing. 1 Goldback is 1/1000 troy ounce of gold. The 1 Goldback note is approximately 66x117mm. The notes are printed on one side only, with intricate multi-color allegorical style designs.

The **Idaho 1/2 Goldback** depicts Sacagawea, an Agaidika Shoshone woman who was born in what is now Idaho. She is shown carrying her infant son, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau while on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The **Idaho 1 Goldback** features a pioneer woman and her child traveling the California Trail. A covered wagon and the granite spires of the City of Rocks stand in the background.

The **Idaho 2 Goldback** honors Boise’s Basque community. The note depicts a woman performing the traditional hoop dance. Beneath her feet is the Boise Basque cross.

The **Idaho 5 Goldback** honors the virtue Clementia, meaning mercy, gentleness, or stewardship. It depicts Clementia kneeling on scorched ground planting seedlings after the Great Fire of 1910. A small fawn stands beside her.

The **10 Goldback** depicts a female miner sitting on an ore cart in Silver City. Silver City, founded in 1863, was one of the most productive mining centers in the Pacific Northwest.

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| <b>Item ID-1/2GOLD</b> | <b>IDAHO 1/2 GOLDBACK (1/2000 troy ounce gold) Unc.....</b> | <b>\$7.00</b>   |
| <b>Item ID-1GOLD</b>   | <b>IDAHO 1 GOLDBACK (1/1000 troy ounce gold) Unc.....</b>   | <b>\$13.00</b>  |
| <b>Item ID-2GOLD</b>   | <b>IDAHO 2 GOLDBACK (1/500 troy ounce gold) Unc.....</b>    | <b>\$25.00</b>  |
| <b>Item ID-5GOLD</b>   | <b>IDAHO 5 GOLDBACK (1/200 troy ounce gold) Unc.....</b>    | <b>\$59.00</b>  |
| <b>Item ID-10GOLD</b>  | <b>IDAHO 10 GOLDBACK (1/100 troy ounce gold) Unc.....</b>   | <b>\$110.00</b> |

# BANKNOTES OF THE WORLD

## WARLORD NOTE OF SOMALIA

In response to ongoing political and economic crises Somalia ordered new currency 1990 in preparation for a



100 to 1 currency revaluation. By the time the notes were delivered in late 1991 the country had collapsed into anarchy as various warlords attempted to establish dominance. The notes were seized by warlord Ali Mahadi Mohammad's Mogadishu Northern Forces. His troops were battling other warlords in the "Banana War" over who got to collect the taxes on Somalia's banana exports. The front of multi-colored 1991 dated note shows a man working a loom on the front. The back shows a banana plant and a young person leading a donkey carrying three children. The note has a watermark Sayyid Moḥammad Abdallah Hassan an early 20th century religious and military leader who is considered "The Father of Somali Nationalism". The British called him the "Mad Mullah". The "N" in the denomination 50 N.Shillin was originally meant to designate "New Shillin" as part of the currency revaluation, but it was soon regarded as "North Shillin" because the notes circulated in areas controlled by the Mogadishu Northern Forces.

**Item PM-SO-50SH SOMALIA 50 N.SHILLIN WARLORD NOTE 1991 PR2 UNC . . \$4.00**

## BANKNOTES OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

The 100 Rial note of the Islamic Republic of Iran was released in 1985. Within a few years inflation made it virtually worthless. The front depicts Ayatollah Sayyid Hassan



Modarres, an Iranian cleric and politician who died in prison in 1937 after opposing the Shah. The Islamic Consultative Assembly building is on the back. The note has a watermark of the emblem of Islamic Iran, which consists of four crescents and a sword. Ayatollah Khomeini is featured on the front of the 2017 Iran 10,000 Rial note. Khomeini was the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran and was the first Supreme Leader of Iran from 1979 until his death in 1989. The back of the note depicts the Tomb of Hafez in Shiraz. Hafez is a popular and beloved 14th century Persian poet. Next to it is one of his popular verses which translates as "Eternal is the one whose heart is awakened to Love. / This is how Eternal Records my life define." The tomb was built in 1935 replacing an earlier structure. The 100 Rials is 130 x 67mm. The 10,000 Rials is 142 x 71mm.

**PM-IR-100R IRAN 100 RIALS (1985) P140 UNC. .... \$4.00**

**PM-IR-10000R IRAN 10,000 RIALS (2017) P159 UNC. .... \$5.00**

**SWAZI KING MSWATI III AND HIS MANY WIVES**



King Mswati III of Swaziland (now Eswatini) is one of the world's last absolute monarchs. He was appointed

King in 1968 at age 18. The King wearing a traditional feather crown is on the front of this Swaziland 10 Emalangeni note. The back features nine of his 15 wives dancing in the Incwala ceremony, an annual month-long celebration of the king. The note is printed on a hybrid paper and polymer substrate with enhanced security features including a watermark of the king.

**Item SZ-10E SWAZILAND 10 EMALANGENI NOTE 2010 P36 UNC..... \$12.50**

**NEW ZAMBIA BANKNOTES**

Zambia released a new series of 2024 dated banknotes in 2025. The notes all feature an African Fish Eagle on the front, along with numerous security devices including a map of Zambia that changes from gold to green, a security thread, and a front/back registration device. The green 10 Kwacha displays the Kariba Dam on the



Zambezi river located on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe. The back depicts two pangolins and Kabwelume Falls. The red 20 Kwacha includes a farm tractor on the front. Two antelope and Chishimba Falls are on the back. The notes are printed on a Durasafe composite substrate.



**Item PM-ZM-SET2 ZAMBIA 10 & 20 KWACHA NOTES, 2024 UNC. ....\$7.00**

**DISTRICTS OF BERLIN NOTE SET**

In 1920 Berlin was reorganized into 20 administrative districts. To mark the event Berlin issued a series of 20 different circulating 50 Pfennig notgeld (emergency money) notes, one for each of the districts. The notes all had the same front that included the heraldic bear of Berlin and an embossed seal. Each note had a different back, depicting an historic image from each one of the districts along with the district number, name and year of the image. The images include boats, water mills, farms, city views and much more. The notes are 105 x 55mm. It is a fascinating set that is difficult to assemble.



**Item PM-BERLIN SET OF 20 BERLIN 50 PFENNIG NOTES XF-AU..... \$45.00**

**ATTRACTIVE AND COLORFUL GERMAN NOTGELD NOTES**

These attractive, colorful small notes were issued by communities throughout Germany during and after World War I. Every lot is different. They are a fun and fascinating collectible and remarkably inexpensive considering they are over 100 years old! Most notes date between 1918 and 1922 and most are Uncirculated.

**Item PM-DE-NOTx10 10 DIFFERENT GERMAN NOTGELD NOTE UNC. .... \$10.00**

**Item PM-DE-NOTx25 25 DIFFERENT GERMAN NOTGELD NOTES, UNC. .... \$22.50**

**Item PM-DE-NOTx100 100 DIFF. GERMAN NOTGELD NOTES, MOST UNC. ....\$89.50**

# BULK & BARGAIN LOTS

## WELL MIXED WORLD COINS BY THE POUND

Each pound contains about 85 to 120 mostly different coins, mostly circulated, from around the world. Every lot is different. These lots provide hours of fun for kids and adults. Somebody must be finding some good stuff as we get lots of repeat orders for these.

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| <i>Item 1POUND</i>  | <b>1 POUND (about 450 grams) OF WELL MIXED WORLD COINS</b> | <b>\$18.00</b>  |
| <i>Item 3POUND</i>  | <b>3 POUNDS OF WELL MIXED WORLD COINS.....</b>             | <b>\$49.00</b>  |
| <i>Item 13POUND</i> | <b>13 POUNDS OF WELL MIXED WORLD COINS.....</b>            | <b>\$199.00</b> |
| <i>Item 50POUND</i> | <b>50 POUNDS OF WORLD COINS .....</b>                      | <b>\$749.00</b> |

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## WORLD CROWN LOT

Copper-nickel crown sized (36-42mm) coins. Most are commemorative issues. No British crowns. Each lot is different though there is duplication between lots.

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| <i>Item CROWN20</i> | <b>20 DIFFERENT WORLD CROWNS, UNC.....</b> | <b>\$99.50</b> |
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## NATIONS OF THE WORLD COIN COLLECTIONS

These collections of coins are from all different nations around the world. The sets come with a listing to help identify which coins are from which nations.

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| <i>Item DCCN50</i>  | <b>50 COINS FROM 50 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, UNC.....</b>       | <b>\$19.95</b> |
| <i>Item DCCN100</i> | <b>100 COINS FROM 100 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, UNC.....</b>     | <b>\$35.00</b> |
| <i>Item DCCN183</i> | <b>183 COINS FROM 183 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, MOST UNC... </b> | <b>\$69.00</b> |

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## CANADIAN NICKELS

Bags of 100 mixed Canadian nickels, either George VI (1937-1952) or Elizabeth II (1953-2022).

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| <i>Item CA-5C-GV1x100</i> | <b>100 MIXED CANADA 5 CENTS 1937-1952 CIRCULATED</b>          | <b>\$20.00</b> |
| <i>Item CA-5C-LIZx100</i> | <b>100 MIXED CANADA 5 CENTS 1953-2022 CIRC. &amp; UNC... </b> | <b>\$18.00</b> |

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## CHINESE CASH "COLLECTION"

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