

Unique Belgium, Unique Stamps.

2022-2024

Belgians like to do everything their own way. No wonder that our country was the breeding ground for surrealism, for example. Our stamps are also surprisingly unique. They put distinctive subjects with a strong story in the spotlight that are food for wonder, perhaps even amazement. Just as Belgium is praised for its idiosyncrasy, our stamp collection radiates authenticity, originality, and a bit of unruliness. We invite you to discover some of Belgium's finest stamp issues.





Iconic Belgian coins



"Everything that glitters is not gold" goes the saying. That can certainly be said for this stamp issue. Because no matter how glittering these iconic Belgian coins are on the stamp sheetlet, they are not actually real. The epitome of technical finishing celebrates the first 20 years of the euro. A first in Belgium's philately history: circular gummed stamps.

Issue date: 24/01/2022

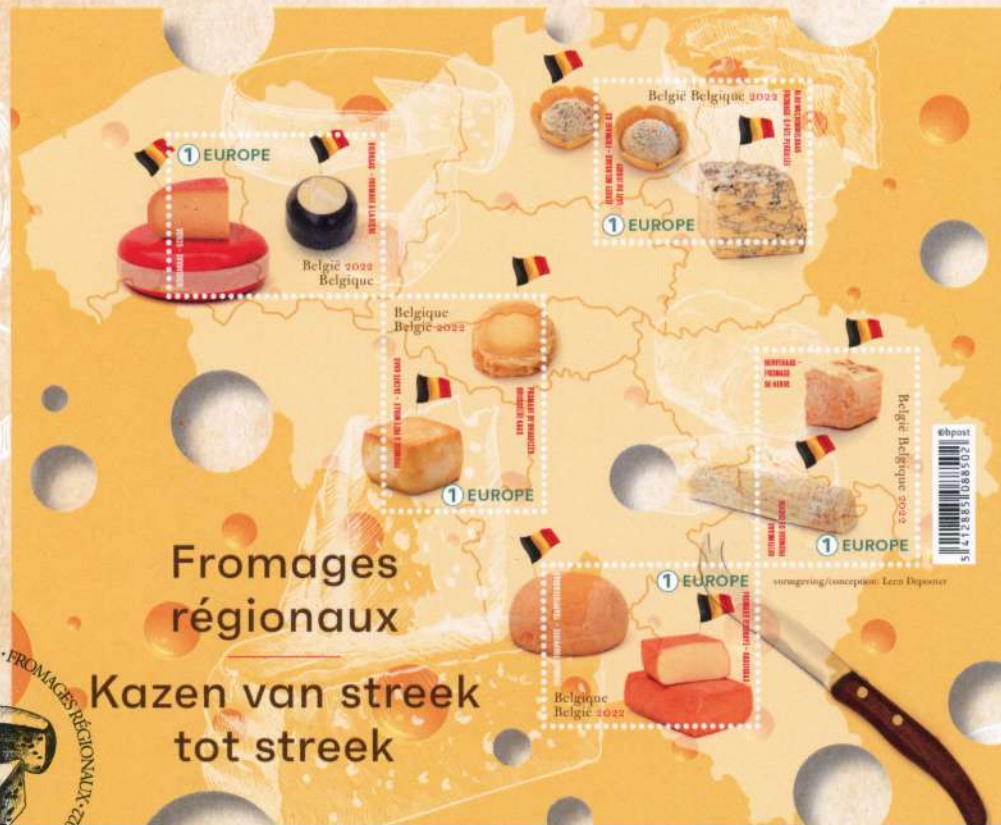
Special feature: Round postage stamps with foil and multi-layer embossing techniques

Stamps value: 1 Europe

Type: Gummed

Layout: Kris Maes

Regional cheeses



Belgium is a land of cheeses. More than 300 are officially recognised. For this stamp issue, bpost decided to use a map of Belgium, with a picture of the cheese in question in the location it is made or most associated with. So you can see which cheese is most typical for a given region. Producing the sheetlet in the shape of a slice of cheese with holes is a nice detail that gives it something extra. There are round holes in the sheetlet too.

Issue date: 24/01/2022
 Special feature: Unique die-cut in the shape of a cheese
 Stamps value: ① Europe
 Type: Gummed
 Layout: Leen Depoorter



100 years of Toots Tielemans



We lost one of the greatest musicians in the world of jazz in 2016. As humble as Toots Thielemans was, on the centenary of his birth in 2022 we remembered him as a great. Not about to let the anniversary go unnoticed, bpost brought a swinging tribute. Admit it, you weren't totally sure this issue wasn't a genuine vinyl record. The stamp sheet is just a few centimeters smaller than a 7" single.

Issue date: 21/03/2022
Special feature: Unique die-cut and a record sleeve cover
Stamps value: ① World
Type: Gummed
Layout: Kris Maes

Brussels year of art nouveau

ART-NOUVEAUJAAR IN BRUSSEL
ANNÉE DE L'ART NOUVEAU À BRUXELLES
2023
1^{ste} DAG - 23-01-2023 - 1^{er} JOUR
BRUSSEL 1000 BRUXELLES



2023 was the year of art nouveau in Brussels. That demanded a special stamp issue. An issue that confounds expectations, because the stamps feature less-known decorative objects d'art rather than the capital's famous architectural gems. bpost worked closely with art nouveau expert professor Werner Adriaenssens of the Royal Museums for Art and History in Brussels to select the objects.

Issue date: 23/01/2023
Special feature: n/a
Stamps value: ① Europe
Type: Gummed
Layout: Myriam Voz



100 years of Sabena



Belgian airline Sabena was formed in 1923. The company was forced into liquidation almost 80 years later in 2001. This issue looks back at the illustrious history of Sabena. What better way to delve into history than through the airline's old advertising posters? They not only look great, they also completely radiate the mood of the time back then. The sheetlet showcases five different posters on five stamps. Each one sheds light on a different facet of the airline.

Issue date: 20/03/2023
Special feature: Unique die-cut
Stamps value: 1 EUROPE
Type: Gummed
Layout: Myriam Voz



75 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. A line from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which feels more relevant than ever, 75 years after it was first penned. In today's turbulent world, bpost wanted to mark this historic anniversary with a special issue in 2023 that focuses on identity, and being able to be who you are.

Issue date: 20/03/2023
Special feature: n/a
Stamps value: ①NAT
Type: Gummed
Layout: Geert Wille



150 years of the United Postal Union



The Universal Postal Union celebrated 150 years in 2024. They asked its 192 members to mark this special anniversary with a unique stamp issue. Something bpost was delighted to do. We broke the world record for the most words on a stamp with this issue. Before getting your magnifying glass out and starting to count: bpost managed to squeeze in 2024 words in microtext – from the text of the articles of association of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which sets out the rules for trouble-free postal exchanges between member countries.

Issue date: 10/06/2024
Special feature: Official GUINNESS World Record for the most words on a postage stamp
Stamps value: ①World
Type: Gummed
Layout: Geert Wille



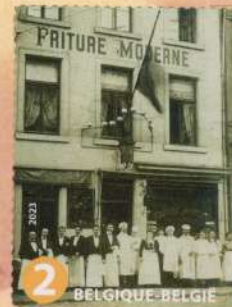
Spider splendour



Scared of spiders? No need for fear with this exceptional issue, which really celebrates the beauty and diversity of that animal. Their pomp and pigmentation brighten up this stamp sheetlet, as they run around industriously in every direction.

Issue date: 28/08/2023
 Special feature: n/a
 Stamps value: ①NAT
 Type: Gummed
 Layout: Marijke Meersman

The delicious history of the fries stand

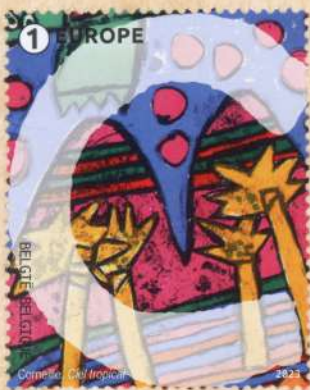


Golden-brown fries with a dollop of mayonnaise and a side or two; is there anything more Belgian than that? Almost everyone in the country patronises their own regular snack bar or mobile fries stand. With appropriate pride, bpost takes you on a journey through the delicious history of Belgian fries. The unusual shape of the sheetlet is the first thing you notice, it's in the form of a traditional trailer.

Issue date: 28/08/2023
 Special feature: Unique die-cut which can be folded into a real mobile fries stand
 Stamps value: ② NAT
 Type: Self adhesive
 Layout: Geert Wille

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75 years of Cobra



Officially founded at Notre-Dame café in Paris on 8 November 1948, a few short years after the end of the Second World War, a group of young international artists turned the academic art world upside down by forming the CoBrA group. bpost celebrates the 75th anniversary of the founding of CoBrA in a very appropriate way: a colourful issue in the shape of the word CoBrA.

Issue date: 23/10/2023
 Special feature: Unique die-cut
 Stamps value: 1 Europe
 Type: Gummed
 Layout: Myriam Voz



Iconic Belgian cars



The Belgian auto industry has a rich history. At the turn of the 20th century, after France and Germany Belgium had a strong reputation as a trailblazer in the development of cars. bpost turns the spotlight on five iconic Belgian cars in a special issue.

Issue date: 23/10/2023

Special feature: Includes engraving drawings on stamps

Stamps value: ② NAT

Type: Gummed

Layout: Geert Wille & Martin Mörck

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Music kiosks

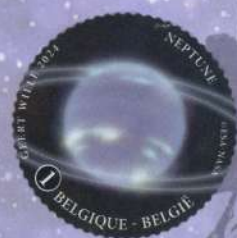


This issue rolls back the decades. To a time when the whole village gathered around the bandstand for a performance or to dance. You can almost hear the fanfare and the buzz of excitement generated by the crowd dolled up in its Sunday best. This issue exudes a feeling of second-hand nostalgia. Fun fact: the sheetlet is cut in the shape of the bandstand in the Park of Brussels. And there is golden printing on the wrought ironwork.

Issue date: 22/01/2024
 Special feature: Unique die-cut with gold print
 Stamps value: ②NAT
 Type: Gummed
 Layout: Myriam Voz



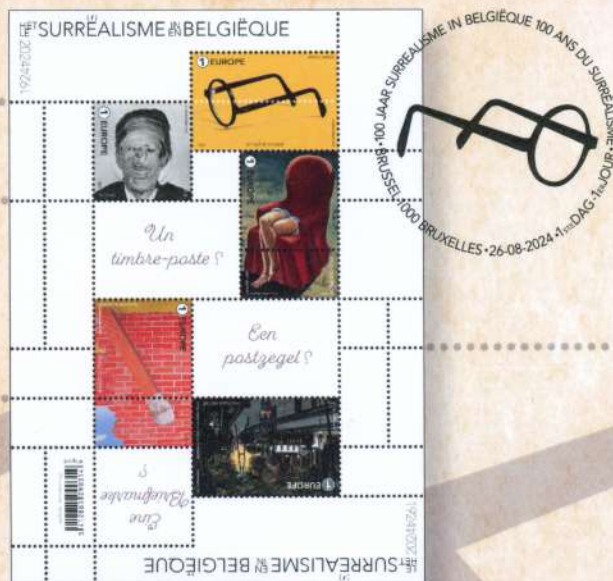
① Universe



What place do we have in the universe? Are we alone? These are the big questions that astronomers want to find the answers to. The James Webb Space telescope is teaching us a great deal about planets within and beyond our solar system. bpost's Universe issue of round stamps catches the imagination.

Issue date: 26/08/2024
 Special feature: Unique die-cut and round postage stamps
 Stamps value: ① NAT
 Type: Self adhesive
 Layout: Geert Wille

100 years of surrealism in Belgiëque



Symbolism and cubism are dead, long live surrealism! That was the general tenor of French writer, poet and essayist André Breton's Surrealist Manifesto. Published in 1924, it launched a movement that turned the art world on its head. The focus on the spontaneous, the unconscious and questioning rationality are characteristic of surrealism.

Issue date: 26/08/2024

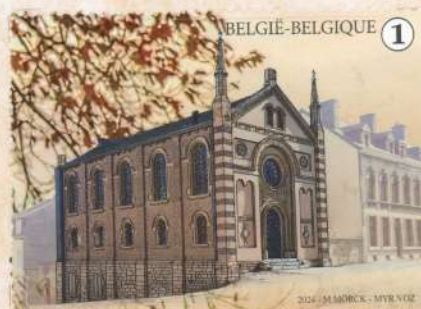
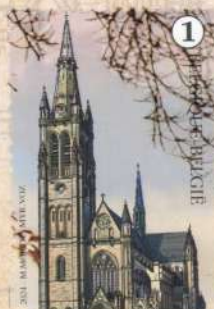
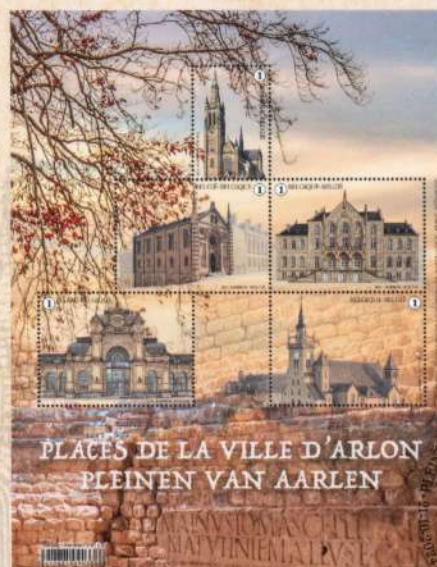
Special feature: Surreal game on the sheetlet with fake and real perforation.

Stamps value: ① Europe

Type: Gummed

Layout: Myriam Voz

Public squares of Arlon



Every year we put a city in the spotlight and we look for the most beautiful buildings and monuments around the central squares. This year Arlon gets the honour to shine.

Issue date: 21/10/2024
 Special feature: Includes engraving drawings on stamps
 Stamps value: ① NAT
 Type: Gummed
 Layout: Myriam Voz & Martin Mörck

Cryptostamp



The Royal Gibraltar Post Office was first in 2018, but it was the Austrians who truly blazed a trail a year later. In 2019, Vienna issued the world's first blockchain crypto postage stamp. It's a physical stamp with a digital twin, around which you can build an online collection. bpost issued its first crypto stamp in 2024 in collaboration with the postal services of the Netherlands, Austria and Luxembourg. A colorful dragon appears on the very first Belgian crypto stamp. In Chinese astrology, 2024 is the year of the dragon.

Issue date: 21/10/2024
 Special feature: Consists of a NFT token
 Stamps value: ③World
 Type: Gummed
 Layout: Lisa Filzi