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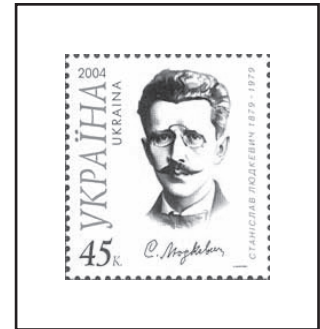
Ukrainian Unification



This stamp was issued to commemorate 85th anniversary of the unification of eastern and western Ukraine on January 22, 1919.

Stanyslav Lyudkevych

Stanyslav Lyudkevych was a Ukrainian composer, theorist, teacher, and musical activist. He was the People's Artist of the USSR in 1969. He earned a Ph.D. in musicology in Vienna, 1908.



Possesions of Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky

This souvenir sheet displays the personal regalia of Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky (ca. 1595-1657). Shown are his flag, his mace, his cap, his watercup, his tankard and his sword. Except for the cap, all of the items are in Polish, Swedish or Russian museums. Negotiations continue to try and repatriate these historically significant memorabilia to Ukraine.



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Ship Building In Ukraine

The 2004 Ship Building in Ukraine stamps were issued as a souvenir sheet. The 1.00 H. stamp shows the oil tanker Kriti Amber. The 2.50 H. stamp shows the anti-submarine ship Mykolaiv. The 3.50 H. stamp shows the aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov.



Ternopil Oblast



Ternopil oblast is a developed agricultural and industrial area of Ukraine. Significant natural and manpower resources, numerous processing plants (sugar, alcohol, canned vegetables and fruit), and its geographical location, make it an ideal place for doing business.



UNESCO Membership

UNESCO is a specialized agency of the United Nations. Its purpose is to contribute to peace and security by promoting international collaboration through education, science, and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, the rule of law, and human rights along with fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the UN Charter



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Butterflies



The following butterflies were depicted on the stamps of this sheet: 45 K. *Endromis versicolora*, 75 K. *Smerinthus ocellatus*, 80 K. *Catocala fraxini*, 2.60 H. *Apatura ilia*, 3.50 H. *Papilio machaon*.

Serge Lifar



Serge Lifar was a French ballet dancer and choreographer of Ukrainian origin. He is one of the greatest male ballet dancers of the 20th century. He was a ballet master of the Paris Opera.

State Space Agency



This stamp was issued to commemorate the "Pivdenne" division of State Space Agency of Ukraine. Pivdenne is responsible for the rocket design.



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European Weight Lifting Championship



The 83rd European Weight Lifting Championship was held in Kiev, Ukraine from April 20-25, 2004.



FIFA

FIFA is the international governing body of association football, futsal and beach soccer. Its membership comprises 209 national associations. Its headquarters are in Zurich, Switzerland.



Europa Vacation

The theme of the 2004 Europa release was "Vacation." Ukraine issued a souvenir sheet showing tourist attractions within its borders. The 45k stamp shows "Swallow's Nest" castle near Yalta. The 75k stamp shows a landscape from the Carpathian mountains. The 2.61 stamp shows Khotyn Fortress, which dates back to the 10th century. The 3.52 stamp shows the world famous monstery; Kiev-Pecherska Lavra.



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Europa Vacation Booklet



The 2012 Europa Vacation stamp was also issued in a booklet.



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UEFA

UEFA is the administrative body for association football in Europe and, partially, Asia. It is one of the six continental football organizations that are united under the supervision of FIFA.



Symon Petliura

Symon Petliura was a publicist, writer, journalist, Ukrainian politician, statesman, and national leader who led Ukraine's struggle for independence following the Russian Revolution of 1917.



Painting of Kiev



The 2004 Paintings of Ukraine stamps feature the following works of art: View of Kiev and Andreevskaya church (1889, unknown artists) - upper left, Fountain near Golden Gates (1910, Petro Levchenko) - upper right, Spring at Kurenivtsi.(1914-1915, Abram Manevich) - lower left, andd Mikhailovsky Cathedral (1919, Mikola Burachek) - lower right.

Ukrainian Folk Tales

The 2004 Ukrainian Folk Tales stamps feature from right to left: "The Cat", "Ivasyk Telesyk", and "The Fat Man"





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2004 Summer Olympics In Athens

This stamp was issued to honor the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. The artwork on the stamp pays homage to ancient Greek culture with a pegasus pulling a chariot who's wheels are olympic rings.



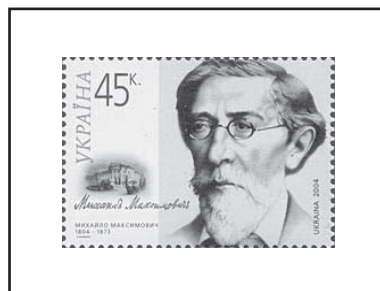
Rivne Oblast



Rivne Oblast is located in northwestern Ukraine. It is full of ancient castles and fortresses.

Mykhaylo Maksymovych

Mykhaylo Maksymovych was a famous Ukrainian naturalist, historian and writer. A well-known Slavist, he was a central figure of the Ukrainian national awakening of the nineteenth century.



Maria Zankovetska

Maria Zankovetska was a renowned actress who was one of the founders of the Ukrainian National Theater. This stamp honors the 150th anniversary of her birth.

Balaklava



One of the oldest urban centers in Ukraine, Balaklava was originally a Taurian settlement and afterwards became a Greek colony. The stamp shows the city's arms, as well as an old engraving of the Crimean harbor town.

Kherson Oblast



Kherson is an oblast in southern Ukraine, just north of Crimea. It is the developed industrial and agrarian territory in the south of Ukraine.



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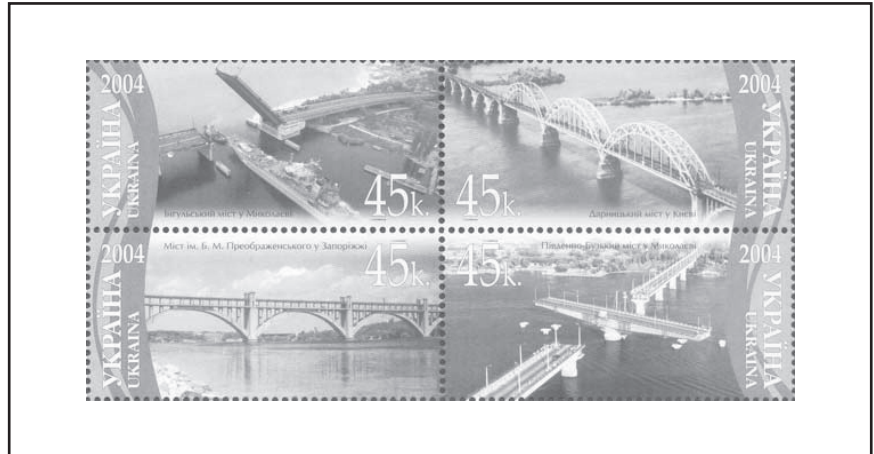


Kharkiv



Kharkiv is the second-largest city in Ukraine. The city was founded in 1654 and was a major centre of Ukrainian culture in the Russian Empire. This stamp celebrates its 350th anniversary.

Bridges



Pictured on this se-tant are 4 bridges around Ukraine: Ingulsky Bridge in Mykolaiv - upper left, Darnitsa's Bridge in Kiev - upper right, Preobrazhensky Bridge in Zaporizhia - lower left, and South-Buzky's Bridge in Mykolaiv.

Taras Shevchenko University



For the 170th anniversary of the Taras Shevchenko University in Kiev, Ukraine used the souvenir sheets first issued in 1994. Two overprints were made on the sheet. The 25,000 kb value was crossed out and replace with 2.61 hr and the words "170th Anniversary" were printed towards the bottom of the sheet



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Kirovohrad



The history of Kirovohrad starts from that of Fort of St. Elizabeth. This fort was built in 1754. It was located on the crossroads of trade routes, and it eventually became a major trade center. The city has held regular fairs 4 times a year. Merchants from all over the Russian Empire have visited these fairs. Also, there were a lot of foreign merchants, especially from Greece.

Poltava Oblast



Poltava Oblast is situated in the central part of Ukraine. It has an area of 28,800 km. The oblast is a center of Ukraine's oil and natural gas industry, with many wells and pipelines situated here. There is a major oil refinery plant in the city of Kremenchuk.



Military History of Ukraine

The 2004 military history of Ukraine stamps show the following historic scene: upper left - Infantryman of Prince Oleg - 10th Century, upper right - National Militia - 11th Century, bottom left - Archer on Horseback - 12th Century, and bottom right - Calvaryman of Danylo Halyts - 13th Century.

Khartron Systems



Khartron Corporation is the leading design engineering bureaus of Ukraine, which develops and produces spacecraft control systems. Their control systems were used aboard the ISS, pictured on the stamp

Battle Between Cossacks and Tartars



In an attempt to show the space heritage of Ukraine, this stamps shows a battle between Cossacks and Tartars using flaming projectiles fired by the cossacks.



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Birds of the Danube Biosphere Reserve

The Danube Biosphere Reserve is located on the delta of the Danube River near the Black Sea. The Reserve has over 263 species of birds living in it. Five are pictures on this sheet. From left to right: 45 K. multicoloured. *Cygnus olor*, 75 K. *Phalacrocorax pygmaeus*, 80 K. *Egretta alba*, 2,61 K. *Anser anser*, and 3,52 K. *Platalea leucorodia*.

Merry Christmas

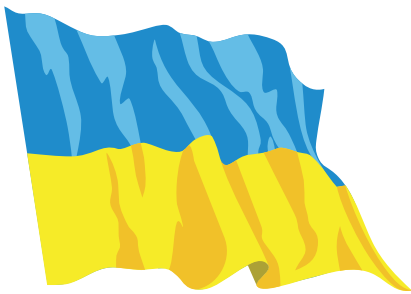


This 4 se-tenant strip shows scenes of Christmas. The right and left stamps show the magi. The two center stamps show an icon of the holy family. All 4 stamps together spell out the year 2005.

Happy New Year



A se-tenant strip of 4 stamps shows Santa on the two outer stamps and a Christmas Tree on the two inner stamps. The year 2005 is visible in the background of the se-tenant.



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Antonov An-140



The Antonov An-140 is a turboprop regional airliner, designed by the Ukrainian Antonov ASTC bureau. The plane is manufactured in both Ukraine and Iran as the Iran-140. This stamp is a joint issue with Iran.

Traditional Costumes



These stamps depict the native costumes worn by individuals in different regions during specific folk cultural or religious celebrations.

The first area represented is the Lvivshchyna Region. The first stamp shows the religious celebration "Encounter of Jesus." The second stamp shows the religious celebration "Exaltation of Christ."

The second area represented is the Ivano-Frankivshchyna Region. The first stamp shows a musical trio performing. The second stamp shows dancers dancing at a wedding.

The third area represented is the Hutsulshchyna Region. The first stamp shows a scene from Christmas Eve. The second stamp shows a scene from Christmas Day.



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Traditional Costumes Souvenir Sheet



The Traditional Costumes stamp was also available as a souvenir sheet.



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Definitive Stamps



5th Definitive Series

Sunflower



Wheat



Lilac



These stamps are the same as the 2001 Definitive. All the stamps are micro-printed with the date 2004.

6th Definitive Series

Periwinkle



Marigolds



Blue Cornflower



Sweet Peas



These stamps are the same as the 2002/2003 Definitives. All the stamps are micro-printed with the date 2004.



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