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## Dear Customer!

April will be filled with many exciting stamp issues. all with historical context.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the Tune ship at the Haugen farm in Rolvsøy, Østfold. Today, this ship is not as impressive as the Oseberg or Gokstad ship, but it was the first Viking ship found in Norway. Norway Post is celebrating this anniversary with two stamps designed by Kristin Granli.

The National Archives of Norway was founded 200 years ago. following the theft of some documents. Today, the National Archives is responsible for the archives from the central government administration and the Supreme Court. Jørn O. Jøntvedt designed the stamp, which depicts old documents. In conjunction with the stamp issue, the National Archives of Norway arranged an exhibition of old letters at its premises in Oslo

The theme for this year's Europa stamps is castles. Norway does not have many to choose from, but both Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace have played key roles in the country's history. Madeleine M. Karlstrøm designed both stamps.

The most beautiful stamp issued last year was the stamp celebrating King Harald's 25th anniversary as king of Norway. Thank you to everyone who voted on our website.

Kind regards,

Halvor Fasting Director



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The Tune ship was dated to between 905 and 910 A.D. and was the first viking ship excavated in Norway.



NK 1956

Photo of the Tune ship and 3D reproduction of Knut Paasche's reconstruction of the ship.



NK 1957

Karl Fredrik Keller's watercolour of the Tune ship at sea.

## 150th anniversary of the Tune ship excavation



First day cover NOK 32



First day cancellation

NK 1956-1957 Numbers:

Motifs: Photo and drawing, watercolour of the ship at sea

Design: Kristin Granli

NK 1956: © Atle Jarto Johnsen. Photo:

NK 1957: © Karl Fredrik Keller

Denominations: NOK 13 (A-domestic) x2 Print run: 6,570,000 of each stamp

Rolls of 100 self-adhesive stamps (50 of each motif) Issued in:

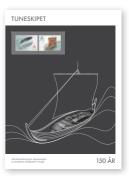
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#### NEW STAMPS 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TUNE SHIP EXCAVATION





#### Golden FDC NOK 99



Collector's sheet NOK 51

#### Sales prices:

First Day Cover: **NOK 32** Presentation Pack: NOK 41 Collector's Set: NOK 73 Collector's Sheet: NOK 51 Collector's Sheet FDC: **NOK 57** Golden FDC: NOK 99



## National Archives Bicentenary



First day cover NOK 42



First day cancellation

Number: NK 1958
Motif: Documents
Design: Jørn O. Jøntvedt
Photo: © Riksarkivet
Denomination: NOK 36
Print run: 300,000 stamps

Print run: 300,000 stamps Issued in: Sheets with 50 stamps

Print: Offset from Joh. Enschedé Security Print, The Netherlands



Date: 21/04/2017



#### Golden FDC NOK 99



Collector's Sheet NOK 61

### Sales prices:

First Day Cover: NOK 42
Presentation Pack: NOK 51
Collector's Set: NOK 93
Collector's Sheet: NOK 61
Collector's Sheet FDC: NOK 67
Golden FDC: NOK 99



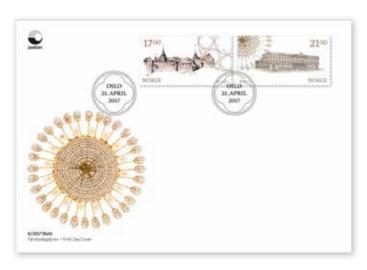
#### NK 1959

Part of Akershus Castle designed by Jacob Koning and the Rose Window in Olav V's Hall created by Emanuel Vigeland.

#### NK 1960

The Royal Palace designed by castle architect Linstow. Along one side, a bird's eye view of one of the chandeliers in The Great Hall.

## Castles (Europa stamps)



First day cover NOK 44



First day cancellation

Numbers: NK 1959-1960

Motifs: Akershus Castle, Royal Palace
Design: Madeleine M. Karlstrøm
Photos: NOK 17: @ Riksarkivet

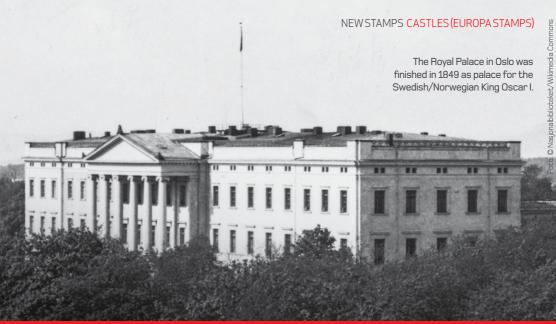
NOK 21: ©The Royal Collections

Denominations: NOK 17-21

Print run: NOK 17: 500,000 stamps – NOK 21: 300,000 stamps

Issued in: Sheets with 50 stamps

Print: Offset from Joh. Enschedé Security Print, The Netherlands



Date: 21/04/2017



#### Golden FDC NOK 99



Collector's Sheet NOK 63

#### Sales prices:

First Day Cover: NOK 44 Presentation Pack: **NOK 53** Collector's Set: **NOK 97** Collectors Sheet: NOK 63 Collector's Sheet FDC: **NOK 69** Golden FDC: **NOK 99** 



## Reprints

The NOK 5 denomination (NK 1454) in the Posthorn series has been reprinted on 9 December 2016. The stamps from this edition were first used on 9 February 2017.

The bird stamps in denomination A-domestic (NK 1919-20), issued in rolls in 2015, have been reprinted on 16 January 2017. The stamps from this edition were first used on 13 February 2017. There are no known changes to the paper or the perforation of the reprints.

The NOK 3 denomination (NK 1564) in the Posthorn series has also been reprinted. The print datum is 06.02.2017, and the stamps from this edition were first used on 02.03.2017. This stamp is issued on self-adhesive paper this time, while earlier editions were issued on normal paper.

Subscribers to reprints and gutter pairs will receive these stamps in April.









