

ICELAND 1824-1944

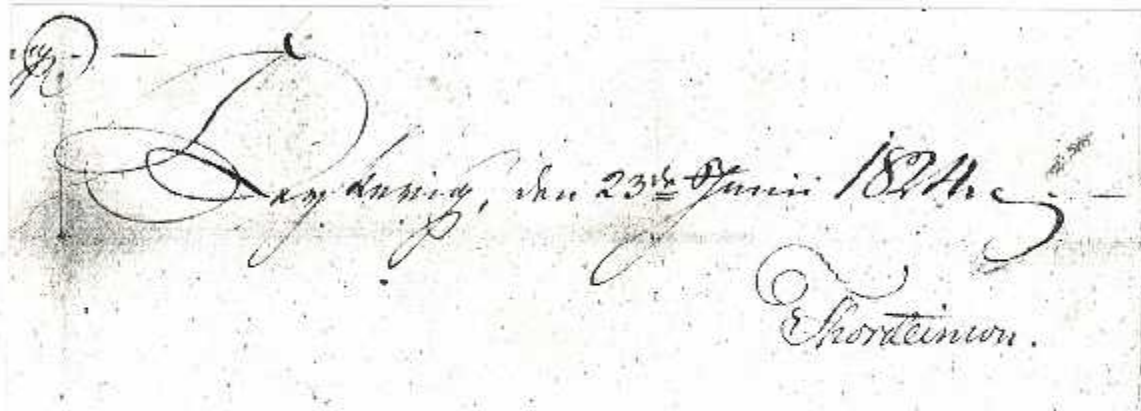
This display covers Iceland from the pre-stamp period to the proclamation of the Republic with mint and used stamps, selected postal stationery cards, postcards, envelopes and flight covers being displayed.

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ICELAND PRE-STAMP PERIOD 1824



Dyrhúsi, den 23de Juni 1824
Thorsteinur.



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Thorsteinur.

June 23, 1824. Letter-sheet Reykjavik to Dyrhúsi.

Iceland in the early 1800's was still a medieval culture with all aspects of trade under the control of the Danish King.

Gibbons records that Iceland "pre-stamp entires are exceptionally rare."

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the skilding stamps

Iceland's first stamps (2sk, 4sk, 8sk 16sk) were issued Jan. 1st 1873. A 3sk value added Mar. 22. Designed by Philip Batz they were printed by Typography by H.H.Thule, Copenhagen on thin semi-transparent paper with large crown watermark. Perforated Comb 14x13½, Line 12½ at random.

2sk 14.13½. 40,000.



3sk 12½. 25,000.



forgery.

4sk 14.13½. 100,000



8sk 14.13½. 40,000.



forgery

16sk 40,000



P. 14.13½ (minority)



P. 12½ (great majority)



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the skilding imperforates

All values of the Skilding stamps occur imperforate but these do not represent proof-prints. These imperforate stamps were never put into circulation. They are stamps from sheets or remainders of sheets which had not been gummed or perforated and which were accidentally released from the Thiele printing works about 1880.



According to published references about these imperforate stamps the number released of each would have been between 200 and 500 (2-5 sheets).

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the skilding officials

In accordance with the Icelandic Postal Laws of 1872 two stamps were prepared for the use of Officials according to special very strict rules. These stamps were the 4 skilding green and the 8 sk. lilac. These were distributed to Post Offices along with the stamps for ordinary postage and took effect on 1st Jan. 1873.

Design. Philip Batz.

Printer. H.H. Thiele, Copenhagen; Typography

100 stamps per sheet.

Perforation: 4sk. P 12½ line (vast majority) P 14x13½ comb. (very small part)

8sk. P 14x13½ Comb.

P 12½



Imperf



4sk. 50,000.



P 12½ Forgery.

8sk. 30,000.

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the aurar stamps 1876-1901

On January 1st 1875 there was a currency change in Iceland to kronur and aurar. New stamps were prepared and issued from Aug. 1, 1876. Designer Philip Bartz. Typography H. H. Thiele, Copenhagen. Watermark crown. As the need arose further printings of most values was done.

1876-1895

i. Line Perforation $12\frac{1}{2}$.



ii. Comb Perforation $14 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.



1882-1895

New colours and new values. Comb Perforation $14 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.



1896-1901

Comb Perforation 12½.



Aurur Postal Cards.



Inland Single Card. 1879.



Inland Double (Reply) Card 1889-1890.



Danish Rate 8 aur Single Card 1880



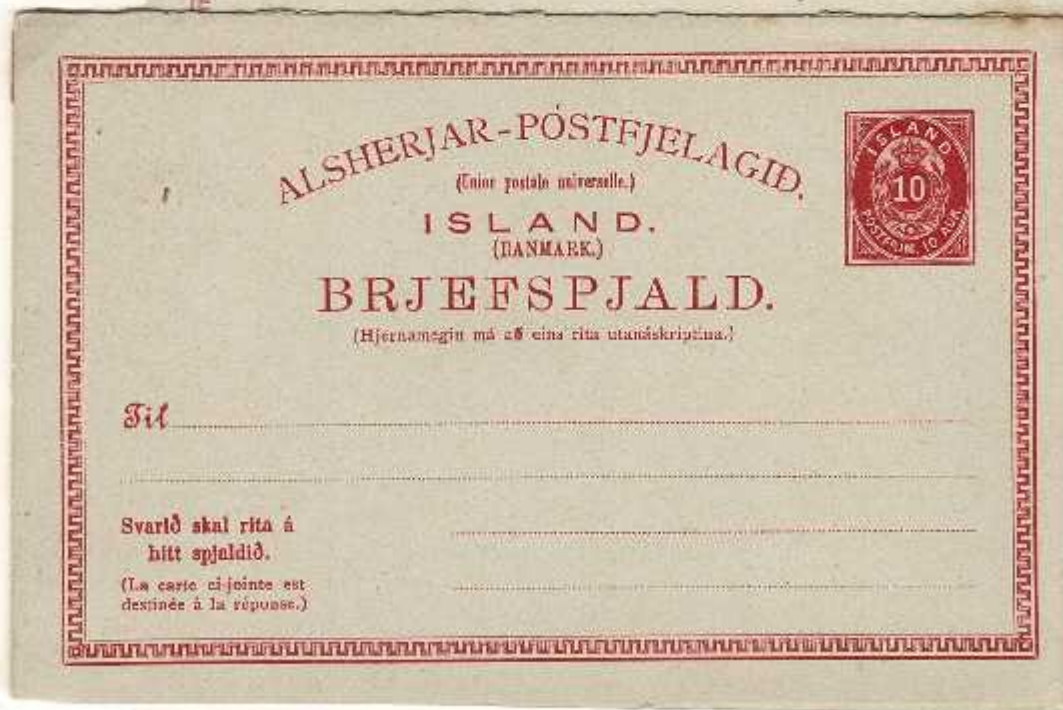
Danish Rate 8 aur Double (Reply) Card 1889-1890.



Overseas Card
Type 1, Single
1880.



Overseas Single
Card, 10aur.
Type 2, 1880-91



Overseas Double (Reply) 10aur Card 1889-1890.



Sent per S.S. "Thyra" from Reykjavik October 1, 1892. Overseas postcard rate 10 aur. 5 aur inland card with additional 5 aur stamp added (1891 printing P14x13½)



Sent per S.S. "Laura" from Reykjavik October 17, 1892. Overseas postcard rate 10 aur. Danish rate card (8 aur) with additional 3 aur added (1891 printing).

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the aurar officials

With the change of currency to kronur and aurar new official stamps were issued from 1876.

Designed by Philip Batz printed by typography by H.H.Thiele on crown watermarked paper.

1876-1895

Perforation $14 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$.



1896-1900

Perforation $12\frac{1}{2}$.



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the aurar officials

With the change of currency the Skilling officials were replaced from 1876 by the Aurar Officials.
Designed by Philip Balz and printed by Typography by H.H. Thiele on crown watermarked paper.

1876-1895

Perforation $14 \times 13 \frac{1}{2}$.



1896-1900

Perforation $12 \frac{1}{2}$.



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the þrir overprint 1897

In August 1897 stocks of the 3aurar stamp were low and more were ordered to arrive in November. However, the stocks were exhausted in late October and the Postal Administration overprinted the 5aurar value as a Provisional.

Nov. 1, 1897: 86 sheets of 100 were overprinted with a red 3. This was thought to be inadequate so they were further overprinted "þrir" (three) in black. These sold out in 2 days.



Nov. 3, 1897: A further 50 sheets (5,000) were overprinted "þrir" in black.



The overprint "þrir" was different on the top 6 rows of each sheet (small p) when compared with the lower 4 rows (large p). Also unexplained is the appearance of a few sheets from an earlier printing (Perf $14 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$) instead of the 1896 printing (Perf $12\frac{3}{4}$).

It is believed that a stamp speculator, Ditlev Tromsen, was probably involved in creating the shortage of 3aur stamps and also in the overprinting irregularities. He did buy up most of the issue, used some on printed matter to trusted employees and was involved in the promotion and sale of the issue overseas to his own financial advantage.

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king christian ix.

Designer: Professor Hans Tegner.

Issued 9th October 1902.

Typography: H.H. Thiele, Copenhagen.

Watermark: Crown.

100 Stamps per sheet.

Perforation: 12½ Comb.



400,000



800,000



1,000,000.



400,000.



1,000,000.



720,100.



392,000



152,100.



120,400.



100,400.



70,000.



30,286.

High values issued July 1904.



17,200.

These were the first stamps to feature a Danish Monarch. They were valid until the end of 1921. A large number were later overprinted for reuse.

King Christian IX Postal Cards.



3 aur Card.

15,000 issued.

5 aur Card
39,000 issued.



10 aur Card.

16,000 issued.

3 aur Reply Card

4,000 printed.



5aur Reply Card

4,000 printed.



8 aur Reply Card

4,000 printed.

10 aur Reply Card

4,000 printed.

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the 1 GILDI '02-'03 overprint

With the issue of King Christian X stamps in October 1902 it was announced that the aurar stamps already in use should be valid until the end of 1903 and overprinted 1 GILDI '02-'03. The Postal Administration overprinted all its stock and provided for individuals with sheets or half sheets to be able to take them to the printers for overprinting. Because of this certain speculators, including D. Thomsen, arranged for the earlier P. 14x13½ stamps to be overprinted and also manipulated inverted, double and incorrectly coloured overprints.

The overprint was in Typeset and printing was done at the Félagsprentsmiðjan in Reykjavík in red or black. Two types of 0 and 3 were used at random.

3aur.



Issued 193,000. Majority P12¾ Large 3.

4aur



Issued 27,000.

5aur.



Issued 150,000.

Overprint Inverted



<500 P14-13½.



6aur



Issued 320,000

Overprint Inverted



<500 P14-13½



10aur



Issued 190,000



<100 P14-13½.



16 aur.



42,500 Issued < 500 P14.13½

20 aur.



25 aur.



Overprint Inverted.



Issued 330,000

< 500 P14.13½

Issued 165,500.

40 aur.



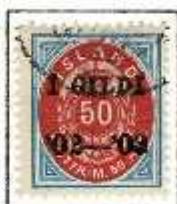
Overprint Inverted.



Issued P14.13½ 30,000

Issued P 12¾ 200,000.

50 aur.



Issued P14.13½ 30,000

Issued P 12¾ 90,000.

100aur



P14.13½ 22,000.

1 GILDI Overprint Postal Cards.



4.5mm.

Front.



4.5mm.

Reply.

5 avr Reply Card. Special printing made for U.P.U. Switzerland.
4½mm between overprint lines (Regular issues 5¼mm - 7¼mm)

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officials overprinted

Official stamps were overprinted, 1 GILDI / '02-'03, for use until the end of 1903 and used concurrently with the King Christian IX officials. The numbers issued is uncertain except for the 5 aur, approx. 300,000; and 20 aur, approx. 200,000 which were unissued and were overprinted along with the other official stamps, which, had mostly been reprinted after the end of 1895. Consequently nearly all the 3 aur and 20 aur were P. 12½ while the 16 aur and 50 aur were P. 14+13½.

Two different "o's" and "s" used at random.





Some of the official stamps from old issues were overprinted. This could have happened by combining part sheets of older issues to make a whole sheet before overprinting. Small numbers of 3aur (1882, 1889), 5aur (1891, 1892), 10aur (1891) and 20aur (1891) with perforation P14 x 13½ came into circulation.



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two king issue 1907-1908

Stamps with the profiles of King Christian IX and King Frederick VIII were issued 1st June 1907. Designed by Hans Tegner, centre recess and frames typography, watermark crown, perforated 12½. The 3, 5 and 10 aur stamps were reprinted 1910-13. A number of the higher values were overprinted later for reuse from 1922.



720,400



400,000



1,000,000



400,000



1,341,500



120,300



400,000



150,100



100,100



100,000



50,000



30,000



17,540



1,400,000



500,000

New postal regulations took effect in Iceland 1st Jan 1908, necessitating two new values. The 1 eyrir issued 10 March 1908 and 15 aurar issued 16 September 1908.

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The postal charge for an overseas postcard was 10 aurar. Postcards prior to 1914 are not common and mainly have Scandinavian addresses. The card below is addressed to Dunedin, New Zealand and written 23/3/1908. It is considered rare as Magnusson suggests that only 1 letter in about 100,000 was to an Asian or Pacific address in the years 1904-1914.



Laugarnar við Reykjavík.

Reykjavík, Iceland to Dunedin, New Zealand 1908.

Card written 23/3/08. Postmarked Reykjavík 24 3 08. Copenhagen Overseas Mail Branch 1 4 08. It bears the correct postcard rate of 10 aur. and shows Laundry day at Reykjavík using the geothermal hot water.



1908 3 aur gray and orange postal stationery card sent from Reykjavik October 12, 1908. Additional 6 aur and 1 eyr stamps added making the correct overseas postcard rate of 12 aurar. Cancelled on arrival at Edinburgh with Edinburgh 24 c.d.s. 6AM OC 19 08 with 'PAQUEBOT' alongside. To Paris.



Edinburgh cancellations on Two King issues.

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two king officials

Official stamps with the profiles of the two kings were also issued 1st June 1907. They were designed by Hans Tegner; centre recess and frames typography; Watermark crown; Perf 12½



250,000



200,000



200,000



180,000



70,000



100,000



70,000



100,000



41,700

In accordance with new postal regulations of 1 Jan 1908, the Registration fee became 15 aur, and a 15 aur stamp was issued Sept. 1908.

In September 1918 the 15 aur value was reprinted with watermark multiple crosses and perforated 14 x 14½.

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jon sigurdsson 1911.

Issued for the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Jon Sigurdsson Iceland's great leader in her struggle for independence from Denmark in the 19th century.

Engraving from a model by Einar Jónsson, sculptor: S. Lindahl, court engraver.

Typography: H.H. Thiele, Copenhagen. 100 stamps per sheet. Perf. 12½ comb.



600,000.

4aur Blue. Issued 17th June on Jon Sigurdsson's anniversary. The true commemorative.



1,000,500.



207,600.



230,600.



283,700.



131,000.

Further values: Issued 19th December 1911.

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king frederick viii

Issued 17th February 1912 - embossed profile of King Frederick VIII designed by S. Lindahl. Printed by typography by H.H.Thiele, Copenhagen on paper watermarked crown and perforated 12½.



265,500



252,700



194,600



78,600



40,100



29,200



15,800

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two kings 1913-1918

Between 1913 and 1918 a number of the Two-King values were reprinted. These were printed on paper with multiple cross watermark and were perforated with new comb 14 x 14½.



478,400



547,700



1,080,800



1,590,700



90,000



1,739,900

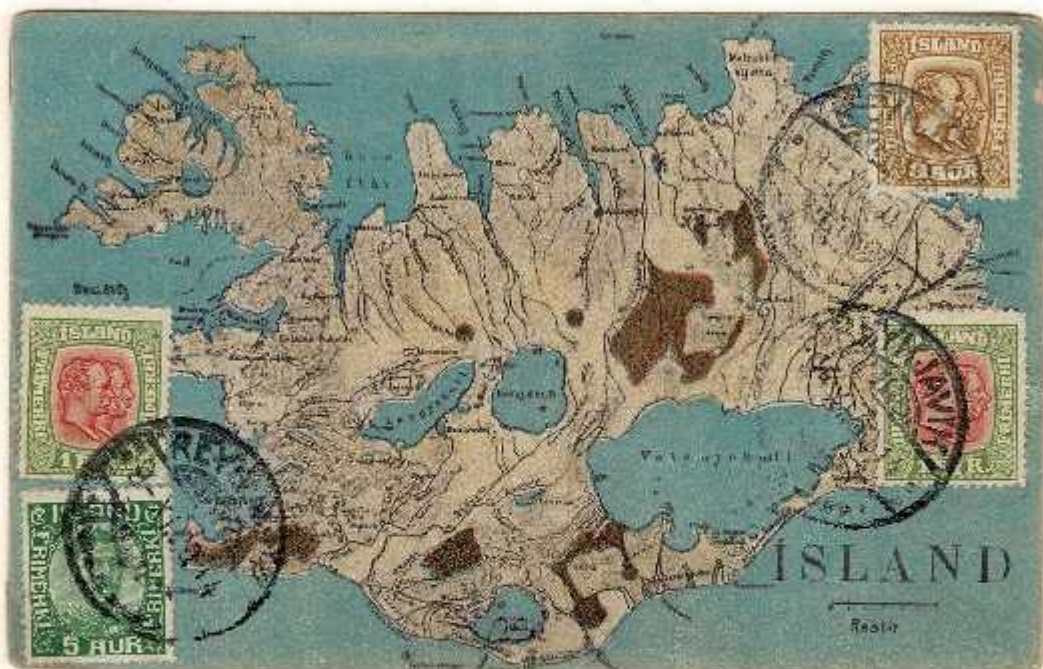


157,900

Printings: 1eyr, 1916-1917; 3aur, 1914, 1916-17, 1918; 4aur, 1913, 1916-17, 1918; 5aur, 1913, 1914, 1916-17, 1918; 6aur, 1918; 10aur, 1914, 1916-17, 1918; 20aur, 1918.



2. XII. 19. Reykjavik to Akureyri. 3aur, 2x 4aur Two King issue (1913-19).



9 XI. 20. Reykjavik to Vienna. 2x 1aur, 3aur Two King + 5aur (1920).

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king christian x

During 1920 a series of stamps with a portrait of King Christian X was issued. They were printed by H.H.Thiele, Copenhagen, centre recess, frames topography; Crown wmk; Perf 12½.



1079,500



400,000



768,700



514,800



310,300



531,300



492,800



1,013,800



281,600



182,000



643,900



107,100



216,700



485,204



162,504



166,100

Issued 23rd Feb. 1920: 5aur, 10aur, 20aur.

Issued 16th Mar. 1920: 8aur, 20aur, 25aur, 30aur, 40aur.

Issued 10th Apr. 1920: 3aur, 4aur, 6aur, 15aur.

Issued 5th Jun. 1920: 1kr, 50aur, 1kr, 2kr, 5kr.

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festival specimens

480 sets 3aur. - 10 kr were stamped "SPECIMEN" and sent to the Universal Postal Union.



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officials 1920-1923

King Christian X. Watermark multiple crosses. Perforated $14 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$. Recess centre, typography frames.

Issued 10 Apr. 1920: 20 aur; 5th Jun 1920: 3, 4, 15 aur 1kr; 19th June 1920: 5, 10, 50 aur. 100 stamps per sheet.



219,400



236,200



587,200



410,000



519,000



215,900



218,100



129,000

May 1922. The two highest values of the Frederick VIII series of 1912, which had been invalid for postage at the end of 1921, were overprinted "Þjónusta" and thus made into official stamps. The black overprint was in Reykjavik.

13mm ovpt.



9,600

14mm ovpt.



10,000



10,000



199,000

June 1923. The 1920 10 aur red stamp was withdrawn in June 1923. The remainder were overprinted "20 aur. / Þjónusta." at Reykjavik.

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1921-1930 overprints

When Iceland assumed full control of Postal affairs on 1st Jan 1921 it was decided to invalidate all stamps issued by the Danish Administration up to 1st Dec 1918. This took effect from 1st Jan. 1922. The large stocks of these stamps remaining were overprinted and reused.

24. 12. 21.



179,700.

20. 1. 22.



79,900.

6. 22.



528,100.

23. 11. 21.



147,900.

20. 1. 22.



149,800.

10. 4. 22.



79,600.

29. 4. 22



99,900.

2. 2. 25.



99,600.

30. 1. 25.



94,800.

9. 7. 26.



100,000.

6. 1. 26



49,500.

1. 11. 24.



21,000.

24. 12. 25.



39,800.

27. 8. 29.



79,914.

9. 4. 30.



49,960.

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overprints 1921-1930

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24.12.21.



20.1.22.



6.22.



23.11.21.



20.1.22.



10.4.22.



29.4.22.



2.2.25.



30.1.25.



8.7.26.



6.1.26.



1.11.24.



24.12.25.



27.5.29.



8.4.30.



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landscape stamps

Sept. 12, 1925. A set of stamps featuring parts of the Icelandic landscape was issued in response to lower postal rates. Engraving and Typography H.H.Thiele, Copenhagen. Printed on multiple cross watermarked paper and perforated $14 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$. Reprinted as needed until 1934.



7aur, 50aur. Boat landing in surf on the harbourless south coast of Iceland, near Vik.

10aur, 35aur. View of the centre of Reykjavik showing the lake and Mt. Esja.

20aur. Museum in Reykjavik containing the National Library, Archives and Museum.

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first airmail stamps

When the Icelandair Company began regular flights in 1928 an agreement was made with the Postal Administration for the carrying of Airmail to various towns in Iceland.

It was decided to levy a special extra charge of 10 aurar in addition to the normal postage rate of 10 aurar. A special stamp was prepared by overprinting the 1920 King Christian X 10 aurar red with an aeroplane.



May 31st, 1928. Numbers issued: 199,900.

The charge for the air transport of newspapers and magazines was 50 aurar per kilogram. A special stamp was prepared by overprinting the 50 aurar value from the 1907 Two-King series with an aeroplane.



June 29th, 1929. Numbers issued: 49,786.

Herra trjesmiður



Jón P. Ólafsson

Par avion
Lofhleidis

Ísafirði.

Airmail Reykjavik to Isafordur 29. VIII. 28 - 30 aur.



Par avion
Lofhleidis

Herra Gisli Sigurbjörsson,

Reykjavik.
P. Box 62.

Airmail Registered. Westman Islands to Reykjavik 20. VIII. 29.

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athing festival stamps

This issue was not produced by the Postal Administration but by "The Society of Friends of Iceland" in agreement with the Government to mark 1000 years of Parliament. The Society was to make some profit from the stamps and there were various deceptions and frauds associated with the issue.

Issued 1st Jan. 1930. Valid until 31st July 1946.
Offset lithography Elbenuhl Works Vienna. 120/sheet P 12½ x 12.
Issues according to agreement 3aur-15aur 300,000.
20aur-40aur 100,980.
50aur-10kr 21,120.



The Athing building in Reykjavik with the guardian spirits of the sides.



Hrafna-Flaki arrives in Iceland. Picture of Viking ship.



Old encampment at Thingvellir.



Ingólfur Arnarson, the first settler throwing his high seat pillars overboard.



Settlers bonfires claiming their holdings.



Chieftains riding to the Athing in eleven days.



Gathering driftwood in eleven days.



Thingvellir. The church, farm lake and Mt. Hengill.



The Icelandic skautbúgar, the most festive dress of Icelandic women.



The Icelandic flag.



The 'Law Speaker' at Lögberg with Mt. Skjalbrekkur beyond.



Iceland.



Icelandic farm in winter.



Icelandic handicrafts. Girl in national dress spinning.



Ring-Quest. The old chieftains took an oath before seating in Althing.



Airmail. Picture of falcon, the former Icelandic coat of arms with airplane.

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airmail festival stamps

On 1st June 1930, the Icelandic Postal Administration issued special airmail stamps on the occasion of the Festival. The frames are identical and the guardian spirits of Iceland decorate the corners. The stamps were valid for postage for two months - until 31st July 1930.

Designer Tryggvi Magnússon: Printer de la Rue + Co, England.

Floral watermark: Perforated 14.



15 aur. Snaefellsjökull glacier.	No. issued 40,000.
20 aur. Boat under sail.	No. issued 40,000.
35 aur. Galloping horse.	No. issued 25,000.
50 aur. Gullfoss.	No. issued 25,000.
1 krona. Stave, Arnason + Mountans.	No. issued 25,000.

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athing festival stamps

Produced by The Society of Friends of Iceland in agreement with the Government to commemorate 1000 years of Parliament (The Althing). Printed by offset lithography in Vienna. Perforation $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12$.





airmail festival stamps

June 1, 1930. Postal Administration set for commemoration of 1000 years of Parliament. Designed by T. Magnússon and printed by de la Rue + Co England. Floral watermark. Perforation 14 x 14.



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festival officials

Small numbers of the Althing Festival stamps were overprinted "þjórustjómki" (official) either in red or violet according to the basic colour of the stamp. The 10 aurar Airmail was also overprinted.





"NZ" Guarantee Mark.



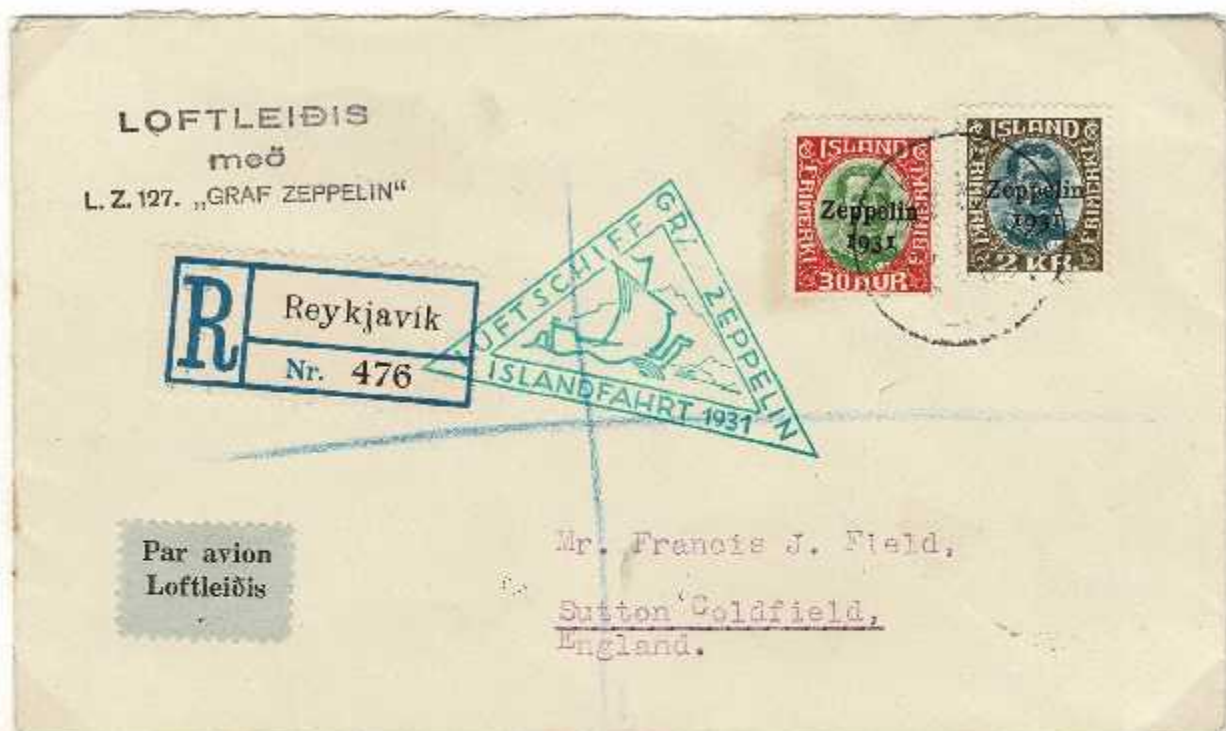
Athing Festival 3aur, 5aur First Day Reykjavik 1. 1. 30.

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zeppelin airmail

On July 1st, 1931 the Graf Zeppelin came to Reykjavik, mail was lowered and the airship took post from Iceland. The rates were 1 krona for postcards, 2 krona for letters and 30 aur for registration. The Icelandic Postal Administration overprinted the three values of the 1920 set "ZEPPELIN 1931" to be valid only for this one flight.

Numbers issued: 30 aur (1926 reprint) 50,000; 1kr (1931 reprint) 60,096; 2kr (1930 reprint) 40,096.



Registered Letter (2krona + 30 aur) Reykjavik to Sutton Coldfield - Graf Zeppelin.
Reykjavik 30 vi 31; Friedrichshafen 3-7 31; Sutton Coldfield 6 july 31.

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gullfoss waterfall

Gullfoss waterfall from a photograph by Olafur Magnusson.

Frame design, engraving and printing: Thomas de la Rue + Co. Ltd. England.

Unwatermarked paper; Perforated 14.

Lower values frequently reprinted.



Issued 15th Dec. 1931: 5, 20, 35aur;

Issued 30th May 1932: 60, 65, 75aur.

Numbers issued: 5aur. 1,350,000; 20aur 4,670,000; 35aur 700,000; 60aur 440,000; 65aur 500,000; 75aur 99,900.

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italian flying-boat squadron airmail

On 5th July 1933 an Italian Flying-Boat Squadron of 23 planes under Air Marshall Balbo arrived en route from Rome to Chicago. The Icelandic Postal Administration overprinted 3 values of King Christian X stamps for mail despatched with the squadron. The postage rate was fixed at 16 Kronur per 10gms with 30 aurar registration fee. 298 Registered letters and a larger number of ordinary letters were carried.



Overprinted "Hopflug Itala 1933" diagonally in red at Gutenburg printing works, Reykjavik, Iceland.

1 Kr.	Issue 1931	Reengraved centre.	Wmk multiple crosses.	Perf 14 x 14½.	Issued: 5,900.
5 Kr.	Reprint 1930	Original centre.	Wmk multiple crosses.	Perf 14 x 14½.	Issued: 4,600.
10 Kr.	Issue 1931	Reengraved centre.	Wmk multiple crosses.	Perf 14 x 14½.	Issued: 4,000.

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officials 1930-1936

7 Aug. 1930: King Christian X. Wmk multiple crosses. Perforated $14 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$. Recess and Typography.



44,000



22,500



280,000

30 Mar. 1932: King Christian X. As above but with reengraved portrait. 100 stamps / sheet.



100,000



150,000



50,000

7 Dec. 1936: Ordinary stamps overprinted "þjónusta" in black at Reykjavik.

7aur: Issue of 1931, redrawn head, Perforated $14 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, Watermark multiple crosses.

10aur: Issue of 1920, original head. Perforated $14 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$; Watermark multiple crosses.

50aur: Issue of 1907, Two kings series, perforated $12\frac{1}{2}$, Watermark crown.

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king christian x 1931-1937

Between June 9, 1931 and June 2, 1934 a series of stamps was issued. The frame for the 1920 King Christian X issue was used with a reengraved centre. Watermark multiple crosses. Perforation $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.



Nov. 11, 1937. A 1 eyrir value printed on unwatermarked paper. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, by J. Jørgensen + Co. Copenhagen using H.H. Thiele's original printing clichés.



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airmails 1934-1936

Issued 1st September 1934.

Designer: Fridrik Gudjonsson.

Recess printed by Thomas de la Rue + Co.

Perforated $12\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ or 14 (20, 25, 50aur.).



The 20 aur and 25 aur were reprinted in 1936. Perforated $12\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.

10aur, 20aur: Aircraft over Thingvellir; 25aur 50aur: Aircraft, Northern lights, glacier; 1kr 2kr: Aircraft over Iceland.



THOR SOLBERGS
FLYVNING 1935
U.S.A.-NORGE VIA
LEIV EIRIKSSONS RUTE



THOR SOLBERGS
FLYVNING 1935
U.S.A.-NORGE VIA
LEIV EIRIKSSONS RUTE



Par avion de Reykjavik!



Solbergs-flug
1 ágúst 1935



*Byggmeister Lindman
Blötberget
Sverige*

Airmail. Thor Solbergs Flight. Reykjavik 8. VIII. 35. to Sweden.
Registered letter with 10 aur, 20 aur, 1 kr, 2 kr, Airmails of 1934.

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LANDSCAPES

28th June 1935. Two landscape stamps designed from photographs of fallfoss waterfall on Dynjandi River and Mt Hekla a famous volcano. Engraved by P+T, Copenhagen.



Perf. $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$.



Perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13$.

JOCHUMSSON

11th November 1935. A set of four stamps issued to commemorate 100 years since the birth of the Rev. Matthias Jochumsson (1835-1920), poet, writer and hymn writer. Design and engraving John Britze. Printed P+T, Copenhagen. Perforations $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$.



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silver jubilee king christian x.

Issued 15th May 1937 to commemorate the silver jubilee of King Christian X of Denmark.

Design and Engraving Johs. Britze from a photograph

Recess printed by the Danish Postal Administration.

100 stamps per sheet. Perforation P 13 x 12 1/2.

Sold only in sets of 3. Valid until 30th Apr. 1938.



175,000.



159,200.



170,000.



Ex Miniature Sheet



The Silver Jubilee block sold for 2kr the surplus going to a special P.O. fund.
Printing Typography at the J. Jørgensen printing works in Copenhagen.
55,000 Printed. 27,000 sold to an English firm. 28,000 sold through the Post Office.

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silver jubilee king christian x

Issued 15th May 1937. Recess printed. Perforated 13 x 12½. Valid 11½ months.



Miniature sheet printed by Typography. 55,000 Issued

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the great geyser

Issued April 1st 1938, with other values later, the design is based on a photograph by Olafur Magnusson of the Great Geyser in Haukadalur. Recess printed by Thomas de la Rue, England on unwatermarked paper. Perforated 14. Reprints were made of some values up to 1948. P11½ issue not authorised.

L4.38.



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10.5.39.



6.1.40.



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L5.48.



26.3.45.



P11½



1948.

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leifr eiriksson's day

Issued 9th October 1938.

Designer: Arni Sveinbjornsson, Iceland.

Printing in seven colours: Staatsdruckerei, Vienna, Austria.

Perforations: 12½.

Valid for 12 months. 200,000 issued.



The 30 and 40 aur stamps show the statue to Leifr Eiriksson in Reykjavik made by A.S. Calder. This was a gift from the American people to the people of Iceland on the 1000th anniversary of the Althing in 1930.

The sheet sold for 2kr. (stamps 1kr 30 aur) with the profit to Post-Office building fund.

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leifr eiriksson's day



LEIFR EIRICSSONS DAY

9. oct. 1938

Price
Kr. 2,00



Verð
Kr. 2,00



LEIFR EIRICSSON X. 38 10
Iceland • Discover Iceland

*Stimplað á útgáfudegi
First day cover.*

First Day Cover 9. 10. 38.

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20th ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE

1st December 1938. To commemorate 20th Anniversary of Independence. Design: Iceland University. Frame design, engraving and printing: Thomas de la Rue + Co Ltd, England. Perforation 13½.



PROVISIONAL

Because of a shortage of 5 aur stamps at the beginning of 1939, the 35 aur of the 1935 issue of Jóhannsson was overprinted "5" at Gutenberg Works, Reykjavik. Issued 17 Mar. 1939.



NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

30th April 1939. To commemorate Iceland's participation at the New York World Fair. Printed Thomas de la Rue. Perforation 14. 2kr issued in error 30th June 1939.



Statue to Þorriþinnur Karlsefni.

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definitives 1939-1945

Between 10th May 1939 and 26th March 1945 there were 4 issues in this series of ordinary stamps. Designed by H. Petursson. 10aur Typography, rest recess by de la Rue.

Perforation 14



Perforation 14 x 13.5



Designs: Codfish, Herring, Icelandic Flag.

British Military Post in Iceland

British Military forces arrived at Reykjavik May 5th 1940 seizing the important communication network and arresting German subjects. No shots were fired during the initial occupation. Further British forces arrived including Air Force Units. The defence of Iceland became an American responsibility during 1942 with the British withdrawing in October 1942.



Field Post Office 306 (Reykjavik) 20 AP 41 to Scotland.

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N.Y.W.F. OVERPRINTED 1940

May 11th 1940. The 1939 set for the New York World Fair was overprinted 1940 to use up unsold issues. at Gutenberg Printing Works, Reykjavik.



75,000



75,000



75,000



25,000

SNORRI STURLUSON

November 17th 1941. Commemorating the 700th anniversary of the death of Snorri Sturluson (historian). Engraving and printing Thomas de la Rue from photograph of statue at Reykhott. Perforation 14. Withdrawn 31 Dec. 1942.



300,000



300,000



150,000

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proclamation of republic

On 17th June 1944 a Republic was founded in Iceland on the site of the ancient Alþingi, the legislative assembly, at Thingvellir. This day was the birthday of Jón Sigurðsson (1811-1879). For many years he was a leader of the Icelandic struggle for independence from Denmark. This day (17th June) is now Iceland's National Day.



500,000



500,000



500,000



300,000



100,000



50,000

Issued 17th June 1944.

Portrait Jón Sigurðsson from a photograph.

Frame design Ari Sveinbjörnsson

Perf. 14. No wmk.