

Landlocked Countries: Czech Area

Czechoslovakia, Continued

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Czechoslovakia, 1949-52, Cont.



1949 Smetana 125 birth anniversary, Sc. 386



1966 Smetana's *The Bartered Bride* Sc. 1373

"The Bartered Bride", was celebrated with a 1966 souvenir sheet, and in 2016 the 150th anniversary of the premier of the opera was commemorated on a Czech stamp.



1991 Dvorak 150 birth anniversary Sc. 2820

The 150th birth anniversary of Dvořák was celebrated on a 1991 stamp.



Czech 2004 operas Sc. 3238-40

The 125th birth anniversary of Czech composer Bedrich Smetana was commemorated on two 1949 stamps.

The 25th death anniversary of Czech composer Leoš Janáček was commemorated 1953 with a single stamp. In 1954 both Smetana and Janáček were portrayed on stamps along with Czech composer Antonín Dvořák. The centenary of Smetana's opera, "The Bartered Bride", was celebrated with a 1966 souvenir sheet, and in 2016 the 150th anniversary of the premier of the opera was commemorated on a Czech stamp.



1953 Janacek 25th death anniversary Sc. 599



Czech 2016 Smetana's *The Bartered Bride* 150 years



Czech 2000 Mahler 140th birth anniversary Sc. 3119

The composer Gustav Mahler was remembered on the 140th anniversary of his birth with a 2000 stamp of the Czech Republic.



1966 Art first issue Sc. 1435-39

In 1966 the first series of stamps reproducing art was issued. This set consisted of five stamps. Similar sets followed every year 1967-1992 except for 1968. The Czech Republic and Slovakia have continued the concept with similar annual series.



Left, Czech 1993 Art Sc. 2909-10; right, Czech 1993 Art Sc. 2908, Slovakia 1993 Art Sc. 175

The important mining industry of Czechoslovakia was honored on three 1949 stamps and again on two 1951 stamps. The miners'



1949 mining industry Sc. 394, 396, 700th anniversary of Czechoslovak mining industry and 150th anniversary of the miners' laws

day was featured on three 1951 stamps, on four 1952 stamps, and on two 1953 stamps. In 1962, a single stamp remembered the 30th anniversary of a miners' strike in Most. In 1982, a stamp was issued for the 50th anniversary of this strike.



1952 miners' day Sc. 548-51



Czech 1999 mining rights in Jihlava Sc. 3095



1951 miners' day Sc. 480



Czech 2000 Kutna Hora mining law Sc. 3112

The Czech Republic in 1999 issued a stamp for the 750th anniversary of the granting of mining rights in Jihlava, and in 2000 for the 700th anniversary for the Kutna Hora mining law. Slovakia in 1999 issued a stamp illustrating a mine water pump invented by Jozef Hell.



1962 miners' strike 30th anniversary Sc. 1104



Slovakia 1999 mine pump Sc. 338



Left, Czech 1993 President Havel Sc. 2879;



right, Czech 2002 President Havel Sc. 3180



Czech 1993 state arms Sc. 2877

public released its first stamp January 20, 1993, showing the national arms. A stamp with the effigy of President Havel was issued March 2, 1993. A similar stamp was issued March 22, 1995. His 60th birthday was celebrated 1996 with a souvenir sheet with two stamps with his effigy. A new portrait of Havel appeared on a 1998 stamp, and on a 2002 stamp.



Czech 2003 Czech Republic 10 years Sc. 3191



Czech 2018 Czech Republic 25 years



Czech 1999 NATO membership Sc. 3086



Czech 2008 EU presidency first half 2009

the second half of 2009 the Czech Republic again held the presidency of the European Union and issued a stamp publicizing it.

In 1991 the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland established a co-operation forum called the Visegrad Group and after

The fifth anniversary of the Czech Republic was celebrated with a pre-stamped postal card, the tenth anniversary was commemorated on a 2003 souvenir sheet, and in 2018 the 25th anniversary was celebrated with two stamps issued as two pairs in a souvenir sheet.

The 80th anniversary of the Czechoslovak Republic was celebrated with three Czech 1998 stamps.



Czech 1998 Czechoslovak Republic 80 years Sc. 3060

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Czech 2002 NATO summit Sc. 3183

In 1999 there was a stamp for the Czech Republic becoming a member of NATO. A NATO summit was held in Prague November 21-22, 2002, and a stamp was issued for this occasion.

In 2008 a stamp was issued for the Czech presidency of the European Union for the first half of 2009. In



Czech 2011 Visegrad 20 years



Visegrad 30 years joint issue

these countries' accession to the European Union, these countries have formed an opposition within the European Union advocacy for less power to EU bodies and more sovereignty for the member states. The Czech republic issued a stamp for the 20th anniversary of the Visegrad Group in 2011, and another for the 30th anniversary in 2021.

Václav Havel was succeeded as Czech President by Václav Klaus (born 1941, President 2003-13). His effigy appeared first on two 2003 stamps, with a third stamp added in 2005, and a fourth in 2008.



Czech 2003 President Klaus Sc. 3208

Czech 2008 President Klaus Sc. 3381



Czech 2004 EU membership Sc. 3235



Czech 2004 EU membership Sc. 3236

In 2004, the Czech Republic became a member of the European Union, and two 2004 stamps celebrated the event. One of the stamps showed the flags of all 10 new member states of the EU. In 2007 the country also became a member of the Schengen Border-Free Zone, also commemorated on a stamp.

In 2013 Miloš Zeman (born 1944, President 2013-2023) became President and his effigy appeared on a 2013 stamp. After his re-election in 2018 he was also pictured on a 2018 stamp.



Czech President Zeman: left, 2013; right 2018



Czech 2023 President Pavel

Czech 1998 stamp tradition front, below, & single, right, Sc. 3032



Czech 2019 stamp tradition front design half



Czech 2020 stamp tradition front design half



Czech 1999 stamp tradition front design half and single, Sc. 3077



Above, Czech 2015 Jan Hus 600 death anniversary; right, Czech 2002 Jan Hus Sc. 3174

The Czech religious reformist Jan Hus (1372-1415) who was burned at the stake for heresy against the teachings of the Catholic Church was remembered on 2002 and 2015 Czech stamps, the latter on the 600th anniversary of his death.

Petr Pavel (born 1961) became President of the Czech Republic in 2023, and his effigy appeared on ten stamps all in different colors issued in a souvenir sheet in June 2023.

Since 1995, Czechoslovak and Czech stamp design and production have been highlighted on annual stamps of the Czech Republic, and since 1998 these stamps have been issued in booklets which includes information on the designer or engraver featured.

In 1939 Czech students demonstrated against the Nazi occupation of the country and on November 17, 1939, the demonstrations were violently dissolved by the Nazi authorities with many casualties, the closure of universities and over 1000 students sent to concentration camps. On November 17, 1969, a similar student demonstration was violently dispersed and many students wounded by police beating. In 2009 and 2014, both incidents were commemorated on stamps. In 2015 the student Jan Opletal, who was killed in the 1939 demonstrations was honored on a stamp on the centenary of his birth.



Left to right: Czech 2009 student demonstrations 1939 and 1989; 2014 student demonstrations 1939 and 1989; 2015 Jan Opletal birth centenary

The author Franz Kafka (1883-1924) was honored on a 2013 stamp on the 130th anniversary of his birth.

Slovakia 1993-



Slovakia 1993 state arms Sc. 150

As with the Czech Republic stamps of Czechoslovakia remained valid for postage until September 30, 1993.

Slovakia issued two stamps showing its new state arms already on January 1-2, 1993, and a definitive series from January 1993, with additional values added in September and December.

Two stamps with the effigy of Slovak President Michal Kováč (1930-2016, President 1993-98) were issued in March and November respectively.



Slovakia 1997 Constitution 5 years Sc. 279

The fifth anniversary of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic was commemorated on a 1997 stamp featuring the state arms, and the fifth anniversary of the Slovak Republic was celebrated on a January 1, 1998, stamp.



Slovakia 2008 Republic 15 years Sc. 534

The tenth anniversary of the Slovak Republic was celebrated on a 2003 stamp, and the fifteenth on a 2008 stamp. The 20th anniversary was commemorated on a 2013 stamp.



Czech 2013 Franz Kafka



Slovakia 1993 President Kováč Sc. 159A



Slovakia 2003 Republic 10 years Sc. 420



Slovakia 1998 Republic 5 years Sc. 292



Slovakia 2018 Republic 25 years

and the 25th anniversary with a 2018 stamp.



Slovakia 2018 Czecho-Slovakia centenary

A 1998 stamp remembered the 1848-49 uprising in Slovakia.



Slovakia 1998 1848-49 uprising Sc. 305

In 2018 Slovakia issued a stamp celebrating the centenary of the establishment of Czecho-Slovakia.

In 1999 Kováč was succeeded by Rudolf Schuster (born 1934, President 1999-2004)

as President. His effigy appeared on a June 2000 stamp, and again on a 2003 stamp.



Slovakia 2000 President Schuster Sc. 358



Slovakia 2004 EU membership Sc. 455

Like the Czech Republic, Slovakia in 2004 issued stamps for the country's admission to the European Union and to NATO. During the second half of 2016 Slovakia held the presidency of the European Union



Slovakia 2004 NATO membership Sc. 456



Slovakia 2018 EU membership 25 years



Slovakia 2016 EU presidency second half

and issued a stamp to publicize it. The 25th anniversary of Slovakia's membership of the European Union was celebrated with a 2018 stamp. In 2002 Slovakia issued a pre-stamped postal card for the NATO Summit in Prague.

In 2009 Slovakia adopted the Euro and issued a stamp to publicize it. New stamps in Euro were of course also issued.



Slovakia 2002 postal card NATO summit in Prague

Slovakia 2009 Euro





Left, Slovakia 2011 Visegrad 20 years; right, 2021 Visegrad 30 years

In 2011 Slovakia also issued a stamp for the 20th anniversary of the Visegrad Group, and for the 30th anniversary in 2021.

President Schuster was succeeded by Ivan Gašparovič (born 1941, President 2004-14). His effigy first appeared on a June 2004 stamp in photogravure, and then on an engraved 2005 stamp. In 2009 a gold foil stamp in Euro currency with his effigy and in 2010 an engraved stamp in Euro currency were issued.



Above, Slovakia 2009 President Gasparovic gold foil;

Right, Slovakia 2004 President Gasparovic Sc. 459

In 2014 Andrej Kiska (born 1963, President 2014-19) won the Presidential election and he was portrayed on a 2014 stamp.



Slovakia 2019 Pres. Caputova

The 2019 Presidential elections were won by Zuzana

Čaputová (born 1973, President 2019-24) and her effigy appeared on a June 2019 stamp.

In 2024 Peter Pellegrini (born 1975) became President and his effigy appeared on a June 2024 stamp.

History

In 1995, Slovakia issued a stamp for the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, and in 2017 a stamp with tribute to the victims of Holocaust was released.



Slovakia 2020 tragic 1945 events in Ostry Grun and Klak

In 2020 a stamp was issued to remember the tragic January 1945 events in Ostrý Grúň and Klak when an anti-partisan group attacked these two villages and murdered 150 people.



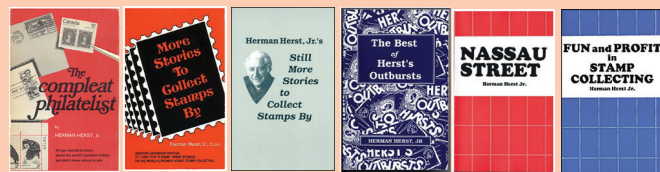
Slovakia 1995 liberation of concentration camps 50 anniversary Sc. 214



Slovakia 2024 President Pellegrine

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