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Princely Treasures - Palaces and Castles IV

Three watercolors by the painter Thomas Ender (1793-1875) were selected for the continuation of our series on the treasures from the Princely Collections. They show landscapes with ruins of castles and palaces associated with the House of Liechtenstein.

The "Liechtenstein Ruin" (face value CHF 1.00) is known today as Liechtenstein Castle. The original building was destroyed in 1683 during the second Turkish siege of Vienna. In 1808, the House of Liechtenstein reacquired the ruins and had them extensively restored.

The "Johannstein Ruin" (face value CHF 1.20) is located near Sparbach in Lower Austria at an altitude of around 450 meters. The castle first became famous in its ruinous state. It has been owned by the family since 1809 and is now almost completely surrounded by forest.

At an altitude of 1,410 meters, the former Rabenstein Castle - now known as "Rabenstein Ruin" (face value CHF 1.90) - was one of the highest castles in Tyrol. It belongs to the municipality of Virgen in East Tyrol and is a popular excursion destination. The ruins are easily accessible for hikers, especially in summer.

Village Views – Vaduz

The popular series of Liechtenstein village views is being expanded in this issue to include two special stamps with motifs from Vaduz.

The Vaduz "Mitteldorf" (face value CHF 1.00), historically known as "Metteldorf", is one of the oldest parts of Vaduz. Today, the Mitteldorf is home to one of the oldest farmhouses in Liechtenstein, built around 1410. The buildings in the Mitteldorf are considered a very beautiful ensemble of rural architecture, which until the end of the 19th century strictly followed the old rules of craftsmanship. Today, the Mitteldorf also includes protected vineyards (vine zone) with their walls and wayside shrines, known as "Kappile".

On St. Florinsgasse stands the "Schädlerhaus" (face value CHF 1.20), a protected cultural asset of Liechtenstein. The classicist building was erected in 1872/73 and consists of two three-storey structures with gabled roofs that are connected at right angles. In the 19th century, it housed the practice rooms of the doctor Rudolf Schädler (1845 - 1930), who worked here as a doctor for the people of Vaduz and the Oberland. Today, the Schädlerhaus houses the Liechtenstein civil registry office, making it a witness to every civil marriage in Liechtenstein.



International Year of Quantum Science and Technology

The United Nations has declared 2025 the "International Year of Quantum Science and Technology". Since quantum mechanics was first mentioned 100 years ago, it has been a fundamental pillar of our physical understanding of nature.

This initiative aims to recognize the groundbreaking contributions of quantum science to technological development since 1925 and to raise global awareness of its importance for a sustainable future.

The "Superposition" (face value CHF 1.20) describes the principle that a quantum system can assume several states simultaneously - only a measurement determines which state is realized. An "Observer effect" (face value CHF 1.90) describes the phenomenon that the measurement of a quantum system changes its state. Only through observation does the system "decide" on a certain state.

"Entanglement" (face value CHF 2.50) is one of the most fascinating concepts in quantum physics: two or more quantum particles remain connected to each other so that a change in one particle immediately affects the state of the other particle - regardless of the distance.

Dove of Peace - a symbol of peace

We all want to live in peace. We want peace with ourselves, in our neighborhoods, in the country we live in and beyond. In the midst of these challenges, we ask ourselves the question: what can we do to raise awareness of the value of peace and togetherness? The answer is provided by the new "Dove of Peace" special-issue stamp (face value CHF 5.80) with the unique embroidered motif of a peace dove.

The stamp is not just a collector's item, but a symbol of hope and global cohesion. This special project is the result of an international collaboration between several postal organizations, the United Nations, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the renowned Austrian embroidery specialist Hämmerle & Vogel.

The partnership stands for a joint commitment to promoting peace worldwide. The embroidered dove of peace is a miniature work of art. It combines an ancient craft with modern technology and innovation.

The new stamps are now available for pre-order in the online store.

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