

## **StampNews.com: Top 10 extraordinary stamps of the year 2008**

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*StampNews.com decided to rate the most interesting stamps of the year 2008. Plenty of new stamps have seen the light all over the world. It is difficult to compare them. Still some stamps stand out for their extraordinarity.*

#1

Embroidered stamp of Austria

Austria issued an embroidered stamp in August 2008. Featured on the stamp is the Clusius gentian (gentiana clusii).

#2

UEFA EURO 2008 Ball Stamp

In March 2008, Austrian Post Office issued a stamp made of the same original material as the UEFA European Championship ball – a synthetic mix with polyurethane.

#3

Imagine Peace Tower on New Icelandic Stamp

The Icelandic Postal Company released a new series of stamps in October 2008 depicting the Imagine Peace Tower, which is dedicated to the memory of Beatle John Lennon. The stamp is printed in a traditional offset format and then overprinted with phosphorus in silk screen which causes the picture to accumulate light and then glow in the dark. When exposed to ultraviolet light, a picture of John Lennon appears on the stamp.

#4

Rally Driver Shows his View of Aland

Aland issued a stamp that has red granite burnt into it. The stamp illustrates a winding red gravel road - a common sight in Aland.

#5

Lithuania's drop-shaped stamp

It is for the first time that an original drop-shaped postage stamp is dedicated to the participation of Lithuania in a world exhibition. The main topic of the exhibition EXPO Zaragoza 2008 (Spain, June –September 2008) was "Water and Sustainable Development".

#6

Living images on Alpine Skiing stamps

Finland issued in January 2008 a miniature sheet dedicated to Alpine skiing. Sheet has an illusion of movement thanks to the imaging and printing technology used. When you turn the sheet in your hands, the picture comes to life.

#7

Experience a movie on a real stamp!

In May 2008 Austria released a revolutionary lenticular stamp to celebrate the UEFA EURO 2008. 48 images of a TV recording are superposed on the stamp. To the viewer, the optical effect is that of a film sequence of approx. 3 seconds.

#8

Hong Kong stamps feature glow-in-the-dark jellyfish

In June 2008, Hong Kong issued a set of special stamps featuring jellyfish. For the first time in Hong Kong philatelic history, the stamps are being printed with a glow-in-the-dark effect.

#9

'Abstract Guernsey' stamps

In June 2008, Guernsey Post issued ten self-stick stamps portraying breathtaking coastal scenes of Guernsey. The images featured on the stamps are all fabulous pieces of art in their own right, so striking that it is tempting to think they have been digitally enhanced. However, they are simply the result of great skill, diligent research, superb subjects and just a tiny bit of luck in terms of Mother Nature's performance on the day.

#10

Austria: The Willendorf Venus

The Willendorf Venus is Austria's most famous and valuable find from the later Palaeolithic age. A very special stamp was created for this outstanding object in August 2008. A three-dimensional effect makes the Venus appear particularly vividly.

For images of these stamps please visit their site:

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