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Incredible objects that have shaped history and culture

The Royal Armouries is the United Kingdom's national museum of arms and armour – and one of the most important institutions of its kind in the world.

The artefacts and stories curated for this set of stamps and souvenirs reflect the international diversity of the Royal Armouries' remarkable collection. It's a treasure trove of more than 75,000 artefacts from around the world, spanning 2,400 years.

Eight new stamps feature images of armour worn by King Henry VIII, King Charles I and other notable historical figures. *The Treasures from the Royal Armouries* Miniature Sheet showcases stunning pieces assembled over many centuries – from a Ming dynasty sword to an extensively decorated firearm from the 1700s. A fact-filled Presentation Pack and beautifully presented 24-page Prestige Stamp Book reveal insights and images that bring to life objects of arms and armour that have adorned the great palaces, tournament fields and parade grounds of history.



1 Mint Stamp Set | AS12600 £12.60

- Eight items of armour from the 16th and 17th centuries appear on new stamps celebrating the Royal Armouries' remarkable national collection.
- From a horned helmet presented as a gift to the young King Henry VIII in the early 1500s, to an arquebusier's armour owned by King James II dating back to 1686 – the stamps capture the essence of the extensive collection.
- Two Second Class, two First Class, two £1.00 and two £2.80 portrait stamps.

Second Class 1520: Foot combat armour, King Henry VIII
Second Class 1607-08: Alexander armour, Prince Henry and King Charles I
First Class 1540: Field and tournament armour, King Henry VIII
First Class c.1612: Gilt armour, Prince Henry and King Charles I
£1.00 c.1615: Boy's armour, King Charles I and Charles II
£1.00 1511-14: Horned helmet, King Henry VIII
£2.80 1686: Harquebusier's armour, King James II
£2.80 1520: Tonlet armour, King Henry VIII

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Technical Details

Stamp format Portrait
Stamp size 35mm x 37mm
Number per sheet 30/60
Design Charlie Smith Design
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Perforations 14.5 x 14
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum PVA



2 Miniature Sheet | MZ205 £6.60

- *The Treasures from the Royal Armouries* Miniature Sheet is a carefully curated collection of four historical objects from Europe and Asia.
- This fascinating collectible contains four First Class stamps on a background featuring decorative detail from Japanese armour presented to King James I in 1613 by Tokugawa Hidetada, the second Shogun of the Tokugawa dynasty.

First Class c.1420: Sword and scabbard, Ming dynasty
First Class c.1738: Flintlock gun by Simpson of York
First Class c.1680: Japanese helmet, Edo period
First Class c.1365-1432: European sword

Technical Details

Stamp format Landscape
Stamp size 41mm x 30mm
Miniature Sheet size 192mm x 74mm
Design Charlie Smith Design
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Perforations 14.5 x 14
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum PVA

3 Prestige Stamp Book | YB125 £23.85

- A carefully curated and beautifully presented 24-page publication containing all 12 Royal Armouries stamps perforated as panes and a pane of definitive stamps unique to this issue.
- Explore the United Kingdom's national collection of arms and armouries at the Tower of London, the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds and Fort Nelson.
- Discover stories of armour fit for kings, including King Henry VIII's court armoury and the iconic Line of Kings display at the Tower of London.
- The Prestige Stamp Book's striking cover includes an image of tournament armour dating back to the early 1500s.
- This comprehensive collectible keepsake includes fascinating facts and images celebrating many of the 75,000 historical artefacts in this collection from one of the most important institutions of its type in the world.



4 Presentation Pack | AP547 £20.10

- A superb souvenir including all eight stamps in mint condition and the Miniature Sheet featuring four *Treasures from the Royal Armouries* stamps.
- Focusing on the Royal Armouries' role as the United Kingdom's national museum of arms and armour, this fact-packed foldout collectible explores the evolution of armour since the 4th century BC and reveals stories behind the objects featured on the stamp set.
- Combining expertly curated insights and imagery, this Presentation Pack is a fascinating voyage of discovery through time.



5 Prestige First Day Cover | HF112 £4.25

- A time-limited, personalised souvenir celebrating the Royal Armouries' collection of more than 75,000 objects from around the world.
- The unique pane of definitive stamps from the Prestige Stamp Book is cancelled with your preferred postmark on a special edition envelope personalised with your choice of name and address.
- Inside is an information card with the stamps' specifications and an overview of the issue.
- Available to order until the first day of issue, 30 January 2025.



6 First Day Cover Miniature Sheet | MF198 £8.60

- The Royal Armouries Miniature Sheet on an envelope personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The four stamps featuring treasures of the Royal Armouries' collection are cancelled with your choice of postmark on the day of issue.
- Inside is the issue's information card.

7 First Day Cover | AF527 £15.80

- A unique time-limited collectible personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The Royal Armouries main stamps are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 30 January 2025.
- The eight stamps feature objects reflecting the diverse collection of historical objects on display at the Royal Armouries' three sites in Leeds, London and Portsmouth.
- Your First Day Envelope contains an information card including an overview of this issue.

Choose your postmark

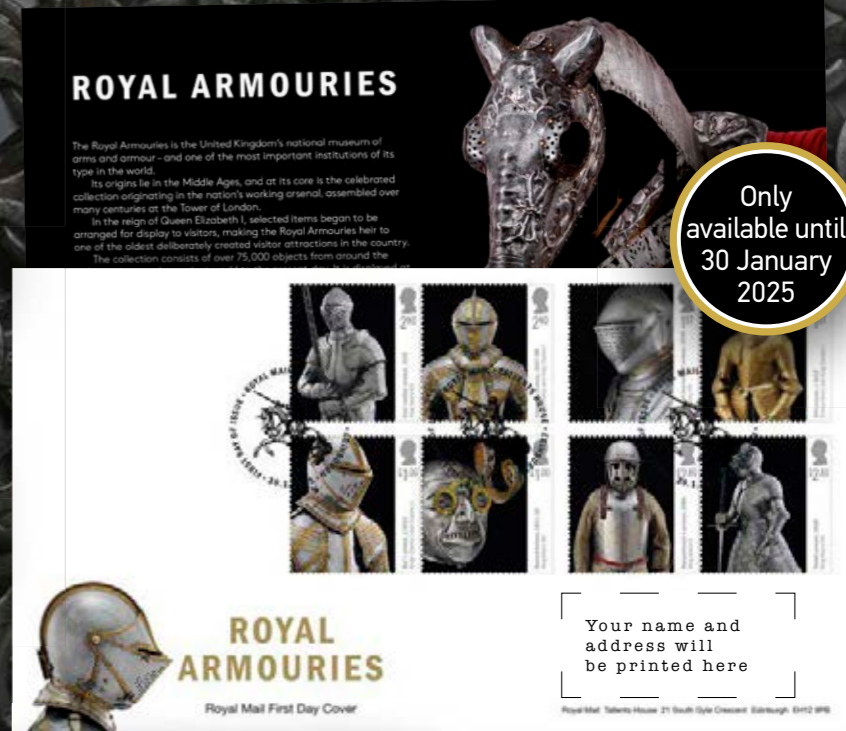
The Tallents House postmark is based on an engraving of King Henry VIII in armour mounted on horseback. The alternative handstamp depicts the Lyle Basinet from the late 14th century, and features the customised location of Leeds, home to the Royal Armouries national museum.

Choose your handstamp

Standard postmark



Alternative postmark



8 First Day Envelope | AE483 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope features the issue's title alongside an image of part of King Charles I and Charles II's boyhood armour from around 1615.
- Inside is the information card containing an overview of the issue and stamp specifications.

9 Set of 13 Postcards | AQ363 £5.85

- A set of 13 postcards featuring enlarged reproductions of the main set of Royal Armouries stamps, the Miniature Sheet stamps and a composite Miniature Sheet.
- Perfect for collecting, framing or sending.

10 Press Sheet | PZ083 £79.20

- An exceptional, highly collectible keepsake, direct from the printing press.
- A Press Sheet including 12 Treasures from the Royal Armouries Miniature Sheets.
- A limited print run of just 200 individually numbered souvenirs.

11 Full Second Class x60 Sheet | AS12600AFS £51.00

12 Half Second Class x30 Sheet | AS12600AHS £25.50

13 Full First Class x60 Sheet | AS12600BFS £99.00

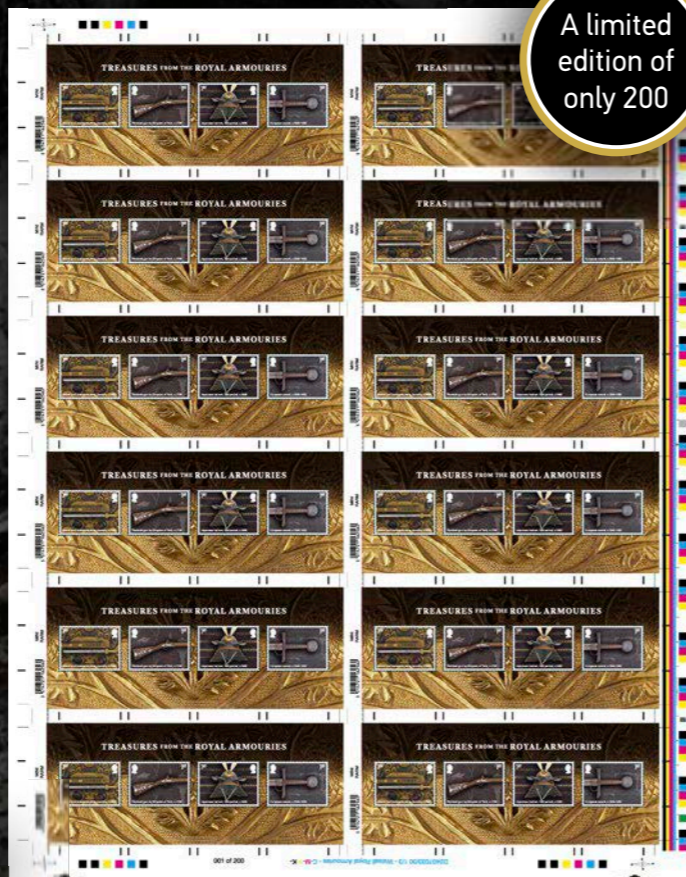
14 Half First Class x30 Sheet | AS12600BHS £49.50

15 Full £1.00 x60 Sheet | AS12600CFS £60.00

16 Half £1.00 x30 Sheet | AS12600CHS £30.00

17 Full £2.80 x60 Sheet | AS12600DFS £168.00

18 Half £2.00 x30 Sheet | AS12600DHS £84.00



A limited edition of only 200

19 Stamp Sheet Souvenir | AW284 £8.60

- A non-personalised Treasures from the Royal Armouries First Day Cover Miniature Sheet featuring four stamps depicting historical objects from around the world and across the centuries.
- The stamps are cancelled with the alternative Leeds postmark on a First Day Envelope containing the information card.
- On sale until 30 April 2025.



Only available until 30 April 2025

20 Stamp Souvenir | AW283 £15.80

- A non-personalised version of the Royal Armouries First Day Cover featuring all eight new stamps cancelled with the alternative Leeds postmark.
- The First Day Envelope contains the issue's information card.
- On sale until 30 April 2025.

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21 Framed Stamps and Miniature Sheet | N3385 £44.99

- A professionally framed souvenir featuring all 12 stamps from the Royal Armouries issue celebrating this important institution and remarkable collection.
- The eight main stamps are individually mounted above the Treasures from the Armouries Miniature Sheet in a premium black frame.
- The stamps and Miniature Sheet are set against a background of etched decorations from King Henry VIII's tonlet armour, made for the Field of Cloth of Gold tournament, 1520.
- Dimensions: 33.3cm x 27.2cm.
- A unique souvenir for collectors and history enthusiasts to treasure and display.

Red Arrows: Coin Covers

A trio of collectible keepsakes presented in partnership with the Royal Mint.

22 Brilliant Uncirculated Coin Cover | AN259 £17.50

- The Royal Mint's new Brilliant Uncirculated Red Arrows 50p coin presented beneath the main set of eight Red Arrows: 60 Seasons Special Stamps.
- This limited edition collectible is officially licensed by the Ministry of Defence and features a hologram of authenticity.
- The stamps capturing the Red Arrows performing some of their famous red, white and blue flypasts are cancelled with a special edition Red Arrows postmark.

23 Silver Proof Coin Cover | AN260 £75.00

- A stylish Silver Proof version of the Coin Cover including the new Red Arrows 50p coin and the main set of eight Red Arrows: 60 Seasons Special Stamps.
- The coin has been struck from sterling silver to a flawless proof finish with selective frosted, mirrored and colour-printed detailing.
- Protected in a deluxe presentation case featuring a silver foiled Royal Mail cruciform logo. A limited edition of just 1,000.

24 Gold Proof Coin Cover | AN261 £1,475

- This highly collectible, limited edition souvenir includes a Gold Proof Red Arrows 50p coin and the main set of eight Red Arrows: 60 Seasons Special Stamps.
- Your souvenir collectible coin is struck in 22 carat gold to a Proof finish with exquisite frosted and mirrored detailing.
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