

NUMISMATIC PROGRAMME 2021



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€100 MINI GOLD PLUS COIN DEDICATED
TO: “GREEK MYTHOLOGY —
THE OLYMPIAN GODS — APHRODITE”

Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty, was one of the most popular Olympian deities. According to Homer, she was the daughter of Zeus and Dione, while according to Hesiod, she was born from the sea foam produced by Ouranos's genitals, severed by his son Kronos. Her birthplace was contested by Paphos (Cyprus) and Kythera, hence her epithets *Kypris* and *Kythereia*. She was worshipped as *Aphrodite Ourania* (the heavenly) and *Pandemos* (“of all folk”, the vulgar), alluding, respectively, to spiritual and to sensual love. Although married to Hephaistos, Aphrodite had numerous lovers, including gods (most notably Ares) and mortals (Adonis or Anchises, to whom she bore Aeneas, progenitor of the Romans). One tradition portrays her as mother of Eros (Cupid), the mischievous winged god. Over the centuries, Aphrodite has inspired such masterpieces of art as the *Knidian Aphrodite* (by Praxiteles), the *Venus de Milo* and the *Birth of Venus* (by Boticelli).



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €100

Diameter: 17.50 mm

Weight: 3.89 g

Edge: plain

Material: gold (Au) 99.99%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,200 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: M. Antonatou

Price: €241.94 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 21/09/2021



€100

€50 MINI GOLD COIN DEDICATED TO: “CULTURAL HERITAGE — THE PORTARA OF NAXOS”

Portara, the trademark monument of Naxos, stands atop the islet of Palatia, connected today with Naxos by a causeway. This huge marble gate was the entrance to a monumental Ionian temple (to Dionysus or Apollo), 59 m. long and 28 m. wide. This ambitious project, left unfinished, was launched by Lygdamis, tyrant of Naxos, in the 6th century BC, in an attempt to rival similar buildings of the time, such as the Olympieion of Athens and the Heraeion of Samos. Portara, roughly 6 m. high and 3.5 m. wide, is made of four blocks, each weighing 20 tonnes. A Christian church was built on the temple's ruins, and its building blocks were reused by the Venetians for the castle of Naxos. However, Portara remains intact and continues to greet visitors arriving at Naxos.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €50

Diameter: 14 mm

Weight: 1 g

Edge: plain

Material: gold (Au) 99.99%

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: M. Antonatou

Price: €76.61 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 26/10/2021



€50

€10 SILVER COIN DEDICATED TO: “80 YEARS FROM THE BATTLE OF CRETE”

The Battle of Crete (20 May – 1 June 1941) was one of the most dramatic episodes of World War II. After occupying the rest of Greece, the Germans launched an unprecedented airborne operation on Crete, spearheaded by parachutists who were to seize the airfields so that ground troops could then be landed. The island was defended by Cretan civilians, the remnants of the Greek Army (without its Cretan Division, stranded on the mainland), as well as British, Australian and New Zealand allies. After suffering heavy losses on day one of the Battle, the Germans seized the Maleme airfield on day two and thereafter occupied the entire island. The heroic resistance of the Cretan people won them worldwide admiration, but also led to harsh German reprisals.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €10

Diameter: 40 mm

Weight: 34.10 g

Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 2,500 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

Price: €56.45 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 26/10/2021



€10

€5 SILVER COIN DEDICATED TO: “2021 POPULATION - HOUSING CENSUS”

Population censuses enable the collection of statistical information on the size, characteristics (demographic and other) and composition of a nation's people, a valuable guide for effective economic and social policy-making. The census has been called “the greatest peacetime operation by the State”. The Greek census is held regularly every 10 years by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT). The 2021 Population - Housing Census is a landmark event, as it coincides with the bicentennial of the Greek War of Independence. In fact, the first census of the population of the modern Greek state was conducted in 1828 under the Governorship of Ioannis Kapodistrias and recorded 753,400 inhabitants nationwide. According to the census of 2011, the permanent population of Greece was 10,816,286.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €5

Diameter: 30 mm

Weight: 10 g

Edge: plain

Material: silver (Ag) 92.5%

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity

Maximum issue: 2,000 pieces

Minting quality: proof

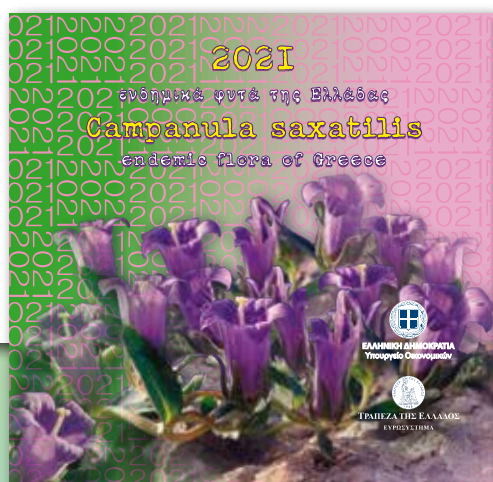
Price: €32.26 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 12/07/2021



BLISTER PACK WITH A COLLECTOR
SILVER €5 COIN DEDICATED TO:
“ENVIRONMENT — ENDEMIC FLORA
OF GREECE — *CAMPANULA SAXATILIS*”

C*ampanula saxatilis* subsp. *saxatilis* is an endemic plant of Crete, found mainly in coastal areas of the western part of the island. It is a perennial herbaceous plant that grows in crevices and fissures of rocks and gorges and, occasionally, on the walls of ruined castles and monasteries, at altitudes of up to 400 m. from sea level. It flowers from April to early June. It is listed in *The Red Data Book of Rare and Threatened Plants of Greece* as Vulnerable (VU), due to its small total population and the limited area occupied by its subpopulations. On the islands of Kythira and Antikythira occurs another subspecies, *Campanula saxatilis* subsp. *cytherea*, which differs by its larger and broader tubular flowers. The distribution of the species indicates a close phytogeographical relationship between Crete and these two islands.

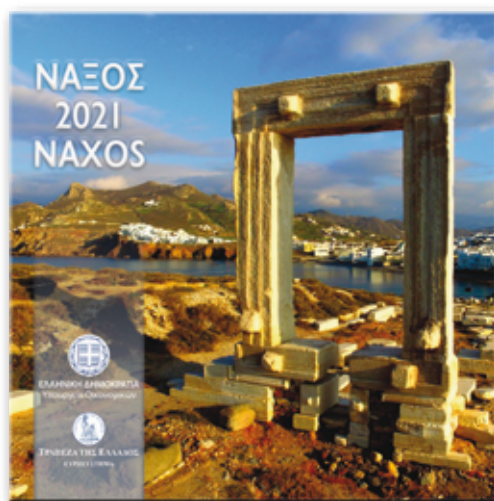


TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €5
Diameter: 31 mm
Weight: 17 g
Edge: plain
Material: silver (Ag) 33.3%
Packaging: blister pack
Maximum issue: 5,000 pieces
Minting quality: proof-like
Coin designed by: M. Antonatou
Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department
Price: TO BE ANNOUNCED
Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED



BLISTER SET CONTAINING ALL EIGHT DENOMINATIONS OF 2021 GREEK EURO COINS DEDICATED TO: “TOURISM — NAXOS”



Naxos is the largest and most fertile island of the Cyclades. Dominating its geography is Mount Zas (1,022 m.), whose name alludes to the ancient worship of Zeus. According to myth, it was on Naxos that Dionysus wed Ariadne, abandoned there by Theseus on his way back to Athens from Crete. The island is rich in mineral resources, notably marble and emery, mined since antiquity. In the Bronze Age, Naxos was a major centre of the Cycladic Civilisation, while in the Classical Age it fell into the sphere of Athenian influence. After the Crusaders partitioned the Byzantine Empire, the Venetian Marco Sanudo occupied the island in 1207 and established the Duchy of Naxos, which came to comprise most of the Aegean islands. Following the Greek War of Independence, Naxos was included in the first Greek State. Today, Naxos is a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors with its exquisite beaches, traditional villages and renowned local produce.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Packaging: blister set

Maximum issue: 10,000 pieces

Minting quality: brilliant uncirculated

Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department

Price: €12.90 plus V.A.T.

Launch of sales: 03/06/2021



€2 COMMEMORATIVE PROOF
CIRCULATION COIN DEDICATED TO:
“200 YEARS SINCE THE GREEK
REVOLUTION”



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €2
Diameter: 25.75 mm
Weight: 8.50 g
Thickness: 2.20 mm
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering
Ring material: copper nickel
Inner material: nickel brass
Packaging: coin box with certificate
of authenticity
Maximum issue: 10,000 pieces
Minting quality: proof
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos
Price: €12.10 plus V.A.T.
Launch of sales: 30/06/2021



€2

COIN CARD BLISTER WITH A €2
COMMEMORATIVE CIRCULATION COIN
DEDICATED TO: “200 YEARS SINCE
THE GREEK REVOLUTION”



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €2
Diameter: 25.75 mm
Weight: 8.50 g
Thickness: 2.20 mm
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering
Ring material: copper nickel
Inner material: nickel brass
Packaging: coin card blister
Maximum issue: 20,000 pieces
Minting quality: brilliant uncirculated
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos
Packaging artwork: Printing Works Department
Price: €6.45 plus V.A.T.
Launch of sales: 30/06/2021



€2

€2 COMMEMORATIVE CIRCULATION
COIN DEDICATED TO: “200 YEARS
SINCE THE GREEK REVOLUTION”



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Denomination: €2
Diameter: 25.75 mm
Weight: 8.50 g
Thickness: 2.20 mm
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering
Ring material: copper nickel
Inner material: nickel brass
Packaging: rolls
Maximum issue: 1,470,000 pieces
Minting quality: circulation
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos
Price: €50
Launch of sales: 22/04/2021

€2

This presentation will be periodically updated as the design and production of the numismatic products are finalised.

For further information on Greece's Numismatic Programme, please visit the websites of the Ministry of Finance (www.minfin.gr) and the Bank of Greece (www.bankofgreece.gr).

If you wish to subscribe to the Newsletter on our numismatic products, please email your request to the Ministry of Finance at: d25@glk.gr

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To place orders via the Bank of Greece, please visit: <https://www.bankofgreece.gr/euro/trapezogrammatia-kai-kermata-eyrw#linkAnamnhstikaEuro> (Numismatic Products Order Form 2021).

Product prices and release dates will be determined in the course of the year by ministerial decisions.

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