

## Cook Islands – Christmas 2012 – Paintings

On Friday, November 16, 2012, the **Post Office of The Cook Islands** will place on sale its marvelous series of postage stamps celebrating the Christmas season.

This year’s issue reproduces details from six works of Giotto di Bondone’s religious paintings in the denominations: 80c, 90c, and \$3.00 as pairs. All six stamps are joined together in a souvenir sheet bordered by a picture frame. The individual denominations are printed as pairs in sheets of 24 (each sheet containing 12 pairs), each value has a white border.

The individual paintings used for this issue can be identified by their placement on the souvenir sheet using the below details:

- Top left: The Adoration of the Magi c.1305-1306
- Top right: Entry into Jerusalem, c.1304+
- Middle Left: Lamentation c.1304-1306
- Middle Right: Kiss of Judas c.1304-1306
- Bottom Left: Life of Mary Magdalene - Raising of Lazarus c.1320s
- Bottom right: The Death of Mary c.1310

The stamps sizes are 29.79 x 40.64 mm and perforated with a gauge of 14 x 15 respectively. The printing has been done in a radiant four color process on 110gsm gummed stamp paper.

*All Images were designed by Alison Dittko.*



Cook Islands Christmas 2012 - Paintings  
set (6) NZ\$9.40 US \$7.71

Souvenir Sheet of 3 pairs (1) NZ\$9.40 US \$7.71



## Aitutaki – Christmas 2012 – Paintings

On Friday, November 16, 2012, the **Post Office of Aitutaki** will place on sale its beautiful series of postage stamps celebrating the Christmas season.

This year’s issue reproduces details from six works of Pietro Lorenzetti’s religious paintings in the denominations: 80c, 90c, and \$3.00 as pairs. All six stamps are joined together in a souvenir sheet bordered by a picture frame. The individual denominations are printed as pairs in sheets of 24 (each sheet containing 12 pairs), each value has a white border.

The individual paintings used for this issue can be identified by their placement on the souvenir sheet using the below details:

- Top left: Entombment c.1320
- Top right: The Last Supper c.1320
- Middle Left: Madonna with St Francis and St John the Evangelist c.1320
- Middle Right: Deposition of Christ from the Cross c.1320
- Bottom Left: The Flagellation of Christ c.1325/30
- Bottom right: Entry of Christ into Jerusalem c.1320

The stamps sizes are 29.79 x 40.64 mm and perforated with a gauge of 14 x 15 respectively. The printing has been done in a brilliant four color process on 110gsm gummed stamp paper.

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Souvenir Sheet of 3 pairs (1) NZ\$9.40 US \$7.71

## Penrhyn – Christmas 2012 – Paintings

On Friday, November 16, 2012, the **Post Office of Penrhyn** will place on sale its gorgeous series of postage stamps celebrating the Christmas season.

This year’s issue reproduces details from six works of Antonio Allegri da Correggio’s religious paintings in the denominations: 80c, 90c, and \$3.00 as pairs. All six stamps are joined together in a souvenir sheet bordered by a picture frame. The individual denominations are printed as pairs in sheets of 24 (each sheet containing 12 pairs), each value has a white border.

The individual paintings used for this issue can be identified by their placement on the souvenir sheet using the below details:

- Top left: Christ taking Leave of His Mother c.1512
- Top right: Deposition c.1525
- Middle Left: The Martyrdom of Four Saints c.1523
- Middle Right: Mystic Marriage of Saint Catherine with Saint Sebastian c.1526-1527
- Bottom Left: Nativity c.1510s
- Bottom right: The Nativity of Christ c.1529-1530

The stamps sizes are 29.79 x 40.64 mm and perforated with a gauge of 14 x 15 respectively. The printing has been done in a vibrant four color process on 110gsm gummed stamp paper.

*All Images were designed by Alison Dittko.*



Penrhyn Christmas 2012 - Paintings  
set (6) NZ\$9.40 US \$7.71

Souvenir Sheet of 3 pairs (1) NZ\$9.40 US \$7.71





The Post Office of The Cook Islands will place on sale Part II of the South Pacific Conference issue on Friday, November 30, 2012.

This issue has been produced as two sheetlets with the denominations 80c and 90c. The multicolored stamps are 28.45 x 42.58 mm in size with a 14 gauge perforation. Each sheetlet has been printed on 110gsm gummed stamp paper and comprises of 7 stamps (same denomination) plus label, in a block perforation.

The 16 images used in the issue were photographed by Harvie Allison Photography at the South Pacific Conference during August 27th – 31st 2012.



Sheetlet 1 • Blue Border

The Flags on the left side of the sheetlet are those of the Participating Nations of the Forum

- Line One/ Left side: (Left to Right) Minister of Education Teina Bishop, Prime Minister of NZ John Key and NZ High Commissioner to the Cook Islands John Carter
- Line One/ Right side: Part one of a quote from Hau’ofa 1997 “The Ocean in us”.
- Line Two/ Left side: Cook Islands Voyaging Society’s ocean voyaging canoe (vaka) “Marumaru Atua”.
- Line Two/ Right side: Aitutaki Island women displaying one of the tivaivai (a quilted embroidered bedspread) being gifted to each leader.
- Line Three: the Pacific Islands Leaders assembled in front of the Are Karioi Nui (National Auditorium)
- Line Four/ Left side: Pacific Leaders each wrapped with a tivaivai gifted to them on upon their arrival on Aitutaki for the leaders retreat
- Line Four/ Right side: (Left to Right) President of French Polynesia Oscar Temaru and Prime Minister of the Cook Islands Henry Puna
- Line Five/ Left side: The Prime Minister of Australia Julia Gillard
- Line Five/ Right side: “Titiaitonga” vaka (boat) used for Aitutaki lagoon cruises

Sheetlet 2 • Red Border

The Flags on the right side of the sheetlet are those of the Key Dialogue partners of the Forum

- Line One/ Left side: The arrival of the President of French Polynesia Oscar Temaru (centre) and his delegation met by the Prime Minister Henry Puna (right) and the Deputy Prime Minister Tom Marsters (behind them).
- Line One/ Right side: Leaders arrival at Aitutaki Airport - Prime Minister of the Cook Islands Henry Puna.
- Line Two/ Left side: Hillary Clinton’s personal jet - specially outfitted Boeing 757 at Rarotonga Airport.
- Line Two/ Right side: More Pacific Islands leaders being welcomed at the airport on Rarotonga.
- Line Three: Pacific Islands leaders on Tapuaetai (One Foot Island) of Aitutaki during the leaders’ retreat.
- Line Four/ Left side: Entrance at Aitutaki Airport building.
- Line Four/ Right side: Hillary Clinton with Minister of Finance Mark Brown.
- Line Five/ Left side: Aitutaki Island Dance Team performing for the Pacific Islands leaders.
- Line Five/ Right side: Part two of a quote from Hau’ofa 1997 “The Ocean in us”.

Cook Islands Pacific Forum Part II - U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clintons visit to Cook Islands for this years Pacific Forum • Boats / Aviation / Flags / Transportation

Sheetlet 1 • Blue Border (1) NZ \$5.60 US \$4.60

Sheetlet 2 • Red Border (1) NZ \$6.30 US \$ 5.17



Penrhyn Fish Definitive

On November 27, 2012 the Penrhyn Post Office will place on sale its new definitive series of twelve denominations featuring the colorful fish in the local waters.

The series is available in three formats (each varies slightly in the border): set of 12, 3 miniature sheets of four stamps each, and as a sheetlet of all 12 values. The set of 12 has been printed in 3 sheets of 32 using a unique layout that contains one gutter separating two blocks of 16. (Sheet 1 has 80¢, 90¢, \$1.10, \$1.20 • Sheet 2 has \$2, \$2.25, \$4, \$5 • Sheet 3 has \$6, \$8, \$10, \$20)

All formats were printed using a four color process on 110gsm gummed stamp paper. This beautiful series of stamps all share the same size which is 28.45 x 42.58 and have a perforation gauge of 14.

The individual fish depicted in this definitive series can be identified: 80c – Myripristis hexagona; 90c – Scarus psittacus; \$1.10 – Zanclus cornutus; \$1.20 – Acanthurus guttatus; \$2 – Pygoplites diacanthus; \$2.25 – Chaetodon flavirostris; \$4 – Pseudanthias pleurotaenia; \$5 – Chaetodon ornatissimus; \$6 – Chaetodon melanotus; \$8 – Gymnothorax rueppellii; \$10 – Synchiropus ocellatus; \$20 – Kyphosus sandwichensis.

Penrhyn Fish 2012

set (12)	NZ\$61.25	US \$50.25
Same G/P (12)	NZ\$122.50	US\$100.50
Souvenir Sheets (3)	NZ\$61.25	US \$50.25
Sheetlet of 12 (1)	NZ\$61.25	US \$50.25





Tonga – Christmas 2012 – Paintings

The Kingdom of Tonga’s Nuku’alofa Post Office will place on sale a wonderful Christmas issue celebrating the holiday on Wednesday, November 21, 2012.

This years issue reproduces details from one of Sandro Botticelli’s religious paintings titled Mystical Nativity c.1550. This issue is printed as one sheetlet containing 11 stamps in the denomination of \$1.00.

The stamps sizes are 40.64 x 29.79 mm and perforated with a gauge of 15 x 14 respectively. The printing has been done in a four color process on 110gsm gummed stamp paper.

All design work for this issue was performed by Alison Dittko.

Kingdom of Tonga  
Christmas 2012 - Paintings  
Sheetlet of 11 (1) T \$11.00 US \$6.60



Niuafu’ou – Christmas 2012 – Paintings

The Kingdom of Tonga’s Niuafu’ou Post Office will place on sale a wonderful Christmas issue celebrating the holiday on Wednesday, November 21, 2012.

This years issue reproduces details from one of Giotto di Bondone’s religious paintings titled Nativity c.1311-1320. This issue is printed as one sheetlet containing 12 stamps in the denomination of \$1.00

The stamps sizes are 40.64 x 29.79 mm and perforated with a gauge of 15 x 14 respectively. The printing has been done in a four color process on 110gsm gummed stamp paper.

All design work for this issue was performed by Alison Dittko.



Niuafu’ou  
Christmas 2012 - Paintings  
Sheetlet of 11 (1) T \$12.00 US \$7.20

Tonga – Royal Wedding

The Kingdom of Tonga Post Office in Nuku’alofa is proud to announce a very special stamp issue created for the Royal Wedding of “His Royal Highness Crown Prince Tupouto’a Vlukealala and Hon. Sinaitakala Tu’imatamoana Fakafanua” on the 12th of July 2012.

On Friday, December 14, 2012 this very special commemorative issue will be placed on sale.

This issue has been produced as a one value set and a souvenir sheet containing five stamps. The images depicted were photographed at the Royal Wedding on the 12th of July 2012.

All stamps in the two formats carry a \$3 denomination. The set of one has a stamp size of 36 x 72 mm with a perforation gauge of 13.5 and has been printed in sheets of 8. The souvenir sheet contains four stamps at the size of 36 x 36mm and one stamp with the size of 36 x 72mm all of which have been perforated with a gauge of 13.5.

Both parts of this set have been printed using a magnificent four color process on 110gsm gummed stamp paper.



Tonga Royal Wedding  
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