

20 EURO SILVER COIN

# EUROPE – THE WISDOM OF THE OWL



Series	Eyes of the World
Face Value	€ 20
Date of Issue	10 November 2021
Coin Design	A. Rastl
Diameter	34 mm
Quality	Proof
Mintage	30,000
Alloy	Silver Ag 925
Fine Weight	2/3 oz (20,74 g)
Total Weight	22.42 g
Edge	ridged edge



**Recommended initial issue price:** € 69,60 (incl. 20% VAT)

*Comes in a case complete with a numbered certificate of authenticity and protective slipcase.*

Few natural experiences are as otherworldly as the sight of the penetrating golden-yellow eyes of an owl staring through the pitch darkness. This sensation is brought to life on *The Wisdom of the Owl*, the second coin in the five-piece *Eyes of the World* series, with the help of shining Swarovski® crystals that enhance the animal's already mythical quality.

Despite the nocturnal hunter's ability to turn its oversized head by up to 270 degrees, the all-knowing serenity it projects as it sits otherwise motionless on a branch is uncannily reminiscent of the elderly members of our own species. This may be why we humans have always recognised ourselves in the owl. The light of wisdom seems to shine in the bird's eyes, to the extent that it used to be believed that the owl produced light itself, its eyes like round windows magically illuminating the darkness. Equating light with wisdom stems from the Western worldview, which since time immemorial has pitched the light of reason in a struggle against the forces of darkness.

## COIN MOTIF

The coin's reverse is dominated by the stylised face of an owl with eyes of multi-faceted golden-yellow shining crystals by Swarovski®, while the coin's obverse features an owl sitting on a branch, from which it looks down, patiently and persistently, in search of its prey. The bird is surrounded by decorations reminiscent of ancient Greek ornaments.



## EYES OF THE WORLD COLLECTOR CASE

Made of elegant, lacquered wood, the *Eyes of the World* collector case consists of a protective slipcase and a storage box, both featuring a stylised eye in the centre that hints enticingly at what lies inside. As well as space for the five superb silver coins in the *Eyes of the World* series, under the decorative coin tray there is room to store the coin certificates.

Continent by continent, the coins not only pay homage to the exceptional animals that were praised in the myths of previous cultures, but also take us on a fascinating journey through human history.

**Price:** € 59,40 (incl. 20% VAT)  
Collector Case, coins not included

## SERIES OVERVIEW



Australia –  
the Serpent  
Creator

2021



Europe –  
the Wisdom of  
the Owl

2021



Asia –  
the Power of  
the Tiger

2022



Africa –  
the Serenity of  
the Elephant

2022



Americas –  
the Healing Power  
of the Bear

2023

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