

50 EURO GOLD COIN

WILD WATERS



Series	Alpine Treasures
Face Value	€ 50
Date of Issue	16 February 2022
Coin Design	A. Rastl, H. Wähner
Diameter	22 mm
Quality	Proof
Mintage	20,000
Alloy	Gold Au 986
Fine Weight	1/4 oz (7.78 g)
Total Weight	7.89 g
Edge	Plain



Recommended initial
issue price: € 498 (Tax free)

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

The dramatic beauty of the Alps stems not only from the vertiginous peaks themselves but also from the rivers that traverse them. Nowhere is this truer than in Austria's Gesäuse National Park, where the River Enns has cut its way through the Northern Limestone Alps, leaving steep, rugged summits towering over its banks. The small but perfectly formed national park features on *Wild Waters*, the third and final coin in the *Alpine Treasures* series, which showcases the multifaceted nature of the Austria's alpine landscape.

Founded in 2002, Gesäuse is the most recent of Austria's six national parks to be established. Here nature has been left to its own devices, creating a true spectacle for the visitor. Some 195 endemic animal species dwell in this wonderful winding valley. Of particular interest is the alpine salamander, a non-aquatic reptile recognizable by the intense yellow stripes on its back. In Austria it is considered an endangered species and placed under strict protection.

As well as its varied animal life, Gesäuse is also home to 30 endemic plant varieties – a record for Austria. Most notable is the pink, whose wonderful blooms are native to Gesäuse, thanks to the national park's unique combination of well-watered scree, calcareous grass and dolomite rock. The plant features on the coin's obverse, its Latin name, *Dianthus plumarius blandus*, inscribed on the lower right-hand side. The reverse depicts the gateway to the Gesäuse: an immense natural panorama framed by forest with the River Enns flowing beneath the imposing 2,335 metres of the Großer Ödstein. In the foreground, an alpine salamander crawls across the coin.



ALPINE TREASURES COLLECTOR CASE

Just like natural wonders featured in this spectacular three-coin series, the *Alpine Treasures* Collector case is a thing of natural beauty.

Finished in delicately worked Austrian oak and featuring a slate plate sunk into the lid, the case is, like the coins themselves, entirely produced in Austria.

Price: € 66 (incl. 20% VAT)
Collector Case, coins not included

SERIES OVERVIEW



High Peaks



Alpine Forests



Wild Waters

2020

2021

2022

Gold Au 986, Proof