

100 EURO GOLD COIN

THE GOLD OF THE INCAS



Series	The Magic of Gold
Face Value	€100
Date of Issue	13 October 2021
Coin Design	H. Wähner
Diameter	30 mm
Quality	Proof
Mintage	20,000
Alloy	Gold Au 986
Fine Weight	1/2 oz (15.56 g)
Total Weight	15.78 g
Edge	Plain



Recommended initial issue price:

Price based on the daily gold price

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

The smelting and crafting of gold were religious rituals for the Incas, to whom the third coin in *The Magic of Gold* series is dedicated. The Incas created incomparable works of art with gold and their sun temples were decorated with the precious metal, which is even believed to have adorned the walls. Yet among the living, only the ruler was allowed to wear gold jewellery, as proof that he was of divine birth.

From the thirteenth to the sixteenth centuries, the Incas ruled over a huge, highly developed empire made up of hundreds of Andean tribes, the origins of which were derived from a sacred place, star or animal. The official religion was the sun cult. Temples dedicated to the sun were built throughout the realm, which at its peak stretched from Ecuador in the north to parts of Chile and western Argentina in the south. The best known is the Coricancha, the 'Golden Temple', which was located in Cusco in present-day Peru, the political, military and administrative centre of the Inca empire. Unfortunately, the temple, and little else besides, did not survive the Spanish conquest of the late-sixteenth century. So in awe of the sun were the Incas that they believed gold to be its tears and a representation of the sun's regenerative powers. This may explain why gold had a purely spiritual meaning for the Incas and why they were such skilled goldsmiths.

The coin's obverse features a stylised llama in front of an opening in a decorative wall, a reference to the Coricancha. To the right is a deity with tears rolling down his cheeks. A *quipu*, or knot record, the system used by the Incas to communicate information and keep records, is shown on the bottom left. The coin's reverse shows an *oréjon*, a golden votive offering of an Inca nobleman, against an ornamental background.



MAGIC OF GOLD COLLECTOR CASE

This stylish and sophisticated collector case is the ideal place to store all the coins in the magnificent *The Magic of Gold* series. The ornately illustrated brass inlay on the lid provides a fitting foretaste of the six stunning gold coins held within.

Price: €90 (incl. 20% VAT)
Collector Case, coins not included

SERIES OVERVIEW



The Gold of Mesopotamia

2019



The Gold of the Pharaohs

2020



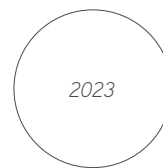
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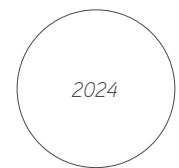
The Gold of the Scythians

2022



The Gold of India

2023



The Gold of China

2024

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