A STAMP FOR EVERY COUNTRY ALBUM
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Start a collection of almost 800 stamps—one from every country in the world that has produced stamps, including many countries that no longer exist. Find the continents that interest you. Look for stamps from your ancestral homelands, countries you have visited, or countries you want to visit. Trace the history of a country or region. Enjoy your journey around the world through stamps.

The William H. Gross Stamp Gallery exhibit of “A Stamp for Every Country” inspired this worldwide postage stamp album. After the Philately Department team selected stamps and determined organization, Gallagher & Associates designers created panels for public display to tell the geographical and historical stories of stamp issuing countries. Designer Lindsay Rowinski then turned that layout concept into this album to bring global philately into your home.

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Collecting postage stamps as a hobby has fascinated many people worldwide. Whether an exercise in learning geography and history, a stress-buster after a hard day on the job, a study for a school lesson, a miniature gallery in the world of art, or a way to document a vacation, stamp collecting offers many ways for individuals and families to collect and find enjoyment.

Stamp collecting has very few rules!

A good magnifying glass will bring added enjoyment to your study. To handle the stamps without damaging them, use tongs to pick up the stamps. Collectors use hinges, or prefolded adhesives, to attach used stamps to album pages. A great book to help you get started in stamp collecting is Janet Klug’s Guide to Stamp Collecting. These and other stamp collecting items are available from stamp dealers locally, online, and by phone order.

The website of the National Postal Museum, www.postalmuseum.si.edu, is full of tips for getting started and offers a variety of information for studying your collection. The American Philatelic Society’s website has information about stamp clubs, stamp shows, and stamp dealers, www.stamp.org. Find answers to your questions about postage stamps and collecting at www.Learnaboutstamps.com.