

# BULGARIA

LOCATION — Southeastern Europe  
bordering on the Black Sea on the  
east and the Danube River on the  
north

GOVT. — Republic  
AREA — 42,855 sq. mi.  
POP. — 8,194,772 (1999 est.)  
CAPITAL — Sofia

In 1885 Bulgaria, then a principality  
under the suzerainty of the Sultan of  
Turkey, was joined by Eastern Rumelia.  
Independence from Turkey was  
obtained in 1908.

100 Centimes = 1 Franc  
100 Stotinki = 1 Lev (1881)

Perf. 14½x15

1879, May 1 Wmk. 168 Typo.  
Laid Paper

1	A1	5c	black & orange	80.00	21.00		
2	A1	10c	black & green	400.00	75.00	4	A1 50c black & blue 400.00 60.00
3	A1	25c	black & violet	210.00	18.00	5	A2 1fr black & red 60.00 21.00



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1881, Apr. 10

6	A3	3s	red & silver	15.00	
7	A3	5s	black & orange	15.00	
a.			Background inverted		
8	A3	10s	black & green	75.00	
9	A3	15s	dp car red & green	75.00	
10	A3	25s	black & violet	400.00	
11	A3	30s	blue & fawn	21.00	



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**1882, Dec. 4**

- 12 A3 3s orange & yellow 1.25
- a. Background inverted 1,800.
- 13 A3 5s green & pale green 7.25
- a. 5s rose & pale rose (error) 1,800.
- 14 A3 10s rose & pale rose 9.50

- 15 A3 15s red vio & pale lil 7.25
- 16 A3 25s blue & pale blue 7.25
- 17 A3 30s violet & green 7.25
- 18 A3 50s blue & pink 7.25

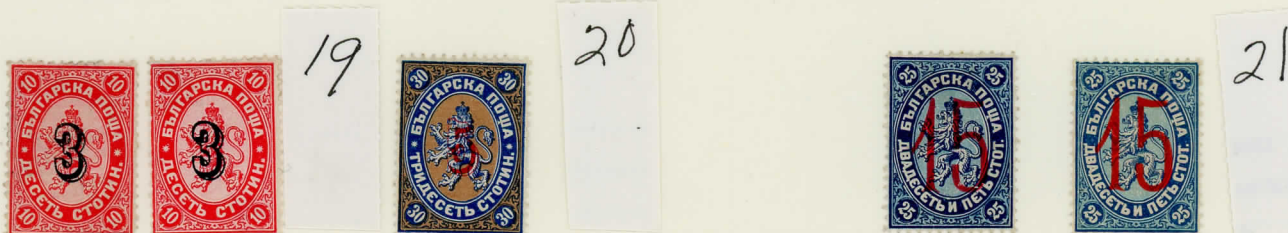


**1884, May 1**

**Typo. Surcharge**

- 19 A4 3s on 10s rose (Bk) 125.00
- 20 A4 5s on 30s blue & fawn (C) 125.00

- 20A A4 5s on 30s bl & fawn (Bk) 2,000.
  - 21 A5 15s on 25s blue (C) 175.00
- Surcharged in Black, Carmine or Vermilion



**1885, Apr. 5**

**Litho. Surcharge**

- 21B A4 3s on 10s rose (Bk) 55.00
- 21C A4 5s on 30s bl & fawn (V) 60.00
- 21D A5 15s on 25s blue (V) 85.00
- 22 A5 50s on 1fr blk & red (Bk) 225.00



**1885, May 25**

23 A6 1s gray vio & pale gray 15.00  
 24 A7 2s sl grn & pale gray 14.00

**1886-87**

25 A8 1s gray vio & pale gray  
 26 A9 2s sl grn & pale gray  
 27 A10 1 l black & red ('87)



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**Perf. 10½, 11, 11½, 13, 13½**

**1889 Wove Paper Unwmk.**

28 A11 1s lilac .65 .20  
 29 A11 2s gray 1.10 .20  
 30 A11 3s bistre brown .45 .20  
 31 A11 5s yellow green 4.50 .20

32 A11 10s rose 3.50  
 33 A11 15s orange 10.50  
 34 A11 25s blue 3.50  
 35 A11 30s dk brown 6.00  
 36 A11 50s green .35  
 37 A11 1 l orange red .35



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**1892, Jan. 26**

38 A11 15s on 30s brn 12.00



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**1894**

**Perf. 10½, 11, 11½ Pelure Paper**

39 A11 10s red 7.00 .50  
 a. Imperf. 57.50



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**Wmk. Wavy Lines (168)**  
**1895, Oct. 25**      **Perf. 14½x15**  
**Laid Paper**  
**40** A9 1s on 2s      .90

**Wmk. Coat of Arms in the Sheet**  
**1896, Apr. 30**      **Perf. 11½, 13**  
**Wove Paper**

**41** A11 2 l rose & pale rose      2.75 1.75  
**42** A11 3 l black & buff      4.50 3.75



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**1896, Feb. 2**      **Perf. 13**  
**43** A14 1s blue green      .35 .20  
**44** A14 5s dark blue      .35 .20  
**45** A14 15s purple      .60 .30  
**46** A14 25s red      5.75 1.00



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**1901, Apr. 20**      **Litho.**      **Unwmk.**  
**53** A15 5s carmine      1.50 1.10  
**54** A15 15s yellow green      1.50 1.10

**1901, Mar. 24**      **Typo.**  
**55** A11 5s on 3s bister  
     brn      2.50 .90  
**a.** Inverted surcharge      42.50 42.50  
**b.** Pair, one without surcharge      70.00 70.00  
**56** A11 10s on 50s green      2.50 .90  
**a.** Inverted surcharge      50.00 50.00  
**b.** Pair, one without surcharge      70.00 70.00



**ONE LEV:**

Type I — The numerals in the upper corners have, at the top, a sloping serif on the left side and a short straight serif on the right.

Type II — The numerals in the upper corners are of ordinary shape without the serif at the right.

**1902, Aug. 29** Litho. **Perf. 11½**

70 A18 5s lake 1.25 .45

71 A18 10s blue green 1.25 .45

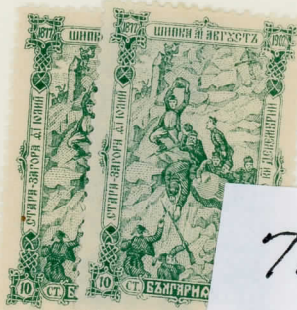
72 A18 15s blue 6.25 2.00

**1903, Oct. 1** **Perf. 12½**

73 A17 10s on 15s 6.00 .40



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**1907, Aug. 12** Litho. **Perf. 11½**

74 A19 5s deep green 8.00 1.10

75 A19 10s red brown 14.00 1.10

76 A19 25s deep blue 21.00 2.10



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1911, Feb. 14		Engr.	Perf. 12	
89	A20	1s myrtle green	.20	.20
90	A21	2s car & blk	.20	.20
91	A22	3s lake & blk	.40	.20
92	A23	5s green & blk	1.00	.20
93	A24	10s dp red & blk	1.40	.20
94	A25	15s brown bister	3.00	.20

95	A26	25s ultra & blk	.50
96	A27	30s blue & blk	4.00
97	A28	50s ocher & blk	15.00
	a.	Center inverted	
98	A29	1   chocolate	7.25
99	A30	2   dull pur & blk	2.00
100	A31	3   blue vio & blk	8.25



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**AIR POST STAMPS**

	1927-28	Unwmk.	Perf. 11½
C1	A76	2 l ol (R) ('28)	1.10
C2	A74	4 l lake & yel (Bl)	1.10
C3	A77	10 l brn blk & brn org (G) ('28)	17.00



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C3

**Overprinted Vertically and Surcharged with New Value**

C4	A77	1 l on 6 l dp bl & pale lem (C)	1.10
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C4

**1931, Oct. 28**

		Туро.
C5	AP1 1 l dk green	.20
C6	AP1 2 l maroon	.20
C7	AP1 6 l dp blue	.30
C8	AP1 12 l carmine	.30
C9	AP1 20 l dk violet	.65
C10	AP1 30 l dp orange	1.00
C11	AP1 50 l orange brn	2.25



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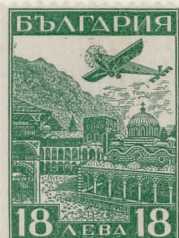
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**1932, May 9**

C12 AP2 18   blue grn	14.00
C13 AP2 24   dp red	14.00
C14 AP2 28   ultra	14.00



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**1938, Dec. 27**

C15 AP1 1   violet brown	.25
C16 AP1 2   green	.20
C17 AP1 6   deep rose	.70
C18 AP1 12   peacock blue	.85



C15



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Designs: 4 l, Plane over Bachkovski Monastery. 6 l, Bojurishte Airport, Sofia. 10 l, Plane, train and motorcycle. 12 l, Planes over Sofia Palace. 16 l, Plane over Pirin Valley. 19 l, Plane over Rila Monastery. 30 l, Plane and Swallow. 45 l, Plane over Sofia Cathedral. 70 l, Plane over Shipka Monument. 100 l, Plane and Royal Cipher.



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**POSTAGE DUE STAMPS**

**Large Lozenge Perf. 5½ to 6½**

1884	Typo.	Unwmk.
J1	D1 5s orange	150.00
J2	D1 25s lake	75.00
J3	D1 50s blue	12.00



2023  
J1  
Scott # 4650



Scott # 3252  
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**1886**

**Imperf.**

J4	D1 5s orange	75.00
J5	D1 25s lake	125.00
J6	D1 50s blue	5.00



Scott # 3752  
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Scott # 5502  
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**1887**

**Perf. 11½**

J7	D1 5s orange	9.50
J8	D1 25s lake	9.50
J9	D1 50s blue	3.50



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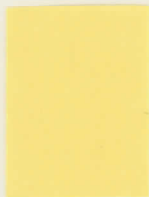
**1892**

**Perf. 10½, 11½**

J10	D1 5s orange	7.50
J11	D1 25s lake	7.50

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1893

Pelure Paper

J12 D2 5s orange

10.00



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1895

J13 D3 30s on 50s blue

Imperf.

7.00

Perf. 10½, 11½

J14 D3 30s on 50s blue

7.00



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Wmk. Coat of Arms in the Sheet

1896

Perf. 13

J15 D4 5s orange

3.00 .75

J16 D4 10s purple

2.00 .75

J17 D4 30s green

1.40 .45



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1901-04

Unwmk.

Perf. 11½

J19 D5 5s dl rose

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J20 D5 10s yel grn

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J21 D5 20s dl bl ('04)

3.25

J22 D5 30s vio brn

.35

J23 D5 50s org ('02)

5.50



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