

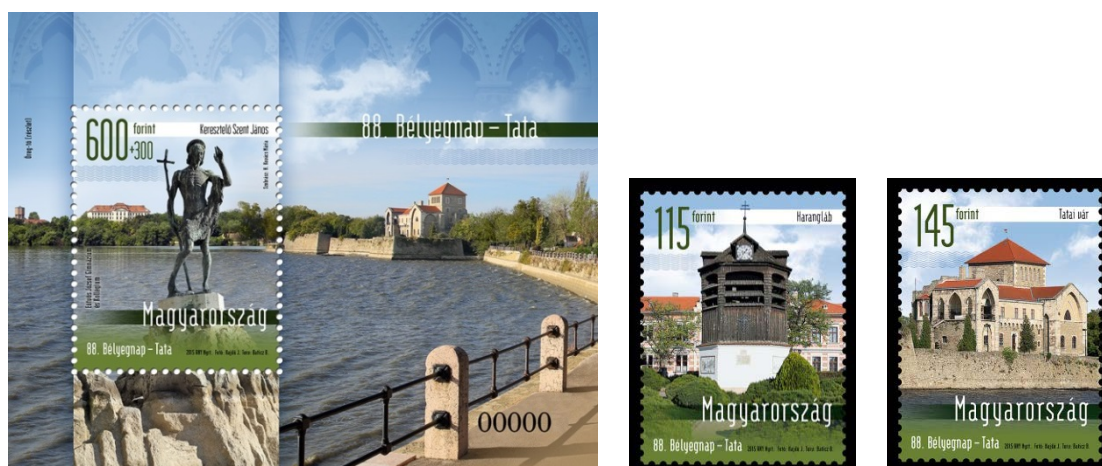
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88TH STAMP DAY Tata, 26-28 June 2015



Magyar Posta is marking the largest festival for stamp collectors, **Stamp Day**, which this year is being held between 26 and 28 June 2015 in Tata, by issuing a stamp block with a surcharge and a commemorative set of stamps with two denominations. The new issue was produced by the printing company *Pénzjegynyomda* based on the designs of the graphic artist *Barnabás Baticz* using photographs by *József Hajdú*. The stamps will be on sale in first day post offices and at Filaposta in Hungary from 26 June while stocks last, but may also be purchased from Magyar Posta's online store. Magyar Posta devotes the HUF 300 surcharge on each block to supporting organised stamp collecting in Hungary.

Tata (in Latin *Dotis* and in German *Totis*) lies on the river *Által* in northern Transdanubia, where the flat *Kisalföld* and the Transdanubian Mountain Range meet at the north-western entrance to the Tata valley separating the *Gerecse* and *Vértes* mountain ranges. The city of Tata has been inhabited since ancient times, which the archaeological finds suggesting the presence of pre-historic man here support. The favourable conditions and thermal springs in the locality have attracted man to this spot for thousands of years. Under the kings of the house of *Árpád* there was a royal estate here. Written records from the 9th century show that this was the site of a Benedictine Abbey. The name *Tata* first appeared in a written source in 1221. *Tata*, the "*City of Living Water*", was chosen the Hungarian capital of biodiversity in 2010 in acknowledgement of the city's attachment to natural values. (Source: tata.hu, wikipedia.org)

A detail of *Tata's Old Lake* is depicted together with *Tata Castle* on the numbered **stamp block** with a face value plus a surcharge of HUF 600+300. In the foreground of the block's stamp design is a statue of *Saint John the Baptist*, and in the background the building hosting the *Stamp Day* event, the *Eötvös József High School*, is visible. In 2013 the city of *Tata* won the *Europe Prize*, which adorns the first day cover for the block. This prize and honours system was established by the Council of Europe in 1955 to reward local and regional authorities for their active promotion of the European ideal in international relations. Next to the *Europe Prize*, the *Small Palace* features as part of the composition. • The denominations of the **set of stamps** show the *Bell Tower* (HUF 115) and *Tata Castle* (HUF 145). The block's first day cover recalls the city's long history of ceramic art through an example of 18th-century faience ware, including the "lobster" plate from the collection of the *Kuny Domokos Museum* in *Tata*. The cover also features a view of the city with the *Holy Cross Parish Church of Tata* as its main element. • The commemorative postmark for the issue depicts a stylised drawing of *Tata Castle*.

88TH STAMP DAY • Order code: 2015230050211 (set); 2015230060012 (set FDC); 2015220030011 (block); 2015220060012 (block FDC) • Date of issue: 26 June 2015 • Total face value: HUF 860+300 • Number of copies issued: 250,000 sets, 30,000 blocks (On the date of issue, the HUF 115 and HUF 145 stamps pay the postage of a domestic non-priority and priority standard letter, and the HUF 600 block can be used as an additional denomination.) • Imperforate size of the stamp block: 90 x 70 mm, perforate size of the stamps: 30 x 40 mm • Printed by *Pénzjegynyomda Zrt.* • Photographs by *József Hajdú* • Designed by *Barnabás Baticz* • *The surcharge of the block may not be used to pay for postage on letter-mail items.*