

100 EURO GOLD COIN
**THE GOLD
OF INDIA**



Series	The Magic of Gold
Face Value	€100
Date of Issue	18 October 2023
Coin Design	Herbert Wähler
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 fifth coin in *The Magic of Gold* series lets you immerse yourself in the fascinating myths and ancient traditions of a country that has a deep connection with gold. The *Gold of India* features two particularly charismatic deities from the myths of ancient India – Lakshmi and Krishna.

Lakshmi is the Hindu goddess of fortune and prosperity. The third day of Diwali, the festival of lights, is dedicated to her. Gold and gilded coins representing Lakshmi are worshiped by Hindu families in home shrines for good fortune. Legend has it that, sitting in a lotus blossom, Lakshmi chose Vishnu as her husband. Krishna is one of the most glorious incarnations of Vishnu, one of the principal deities of Brahmanism. Krishna means ‘the one who draws you to him’. He became emblematic of the supreme aspect of human consciousness and relations: among sons he is the best son, among friends he is the best friend, among lovers he is the best lover, among those who help seekers find the right path he is the best guide.

The reverse of the coin shows Krishna seated in the *lalitasana*, or royal position, resplendent in the finest jewellery and surrounded by an ornamental band reminiscent of peacock feathers. The obverse of the coin features Lakshmi sitting in a lotus flower, flanked by elephants. Two of her four hands hold lotus blossoms while the other two offer us gold coins. Below her is the inscription *Nishka*, a Sanskrit word meaning ‘small golden disc for monetary purposes’.

The inherent magic of gold is perfectly suited to the deities that populate and enrich the Indian imagination, because just as Krishna and Lakshmi signify a manifestation of the supreme, so too does the gold from which this magnificent coin is made.



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: €96 (incl. 20% VAT)
Collector Case, coins not included

SERIES OVERVIEW



The Gold of Mesopotamia

2019



The Gold of the Pharaohs

2020



The Gold of the Incas

2021



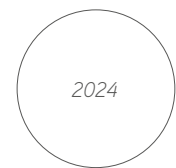
The Gold of the Scythians

2022



The Gold of India

2023



The Gold of China

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