



# UNITED STATES SCENIC AMERICAN LANDSCAPE STAMPS



- 48¢ Niagara Falls stamp
- 55¢ Mt. Rainier postal card
- 60¢ Voyageurs National Park aerogramme
- 40¢ Rio Grande stamp
- 60¢ Grand Canyon stamp
- 70¢ Badlands postal card
- 70¢ Nine-mile Prairie stamp
- 80¢ Mt. McKinley stamp
- 60¢ Acadia National Park stamp
- 63¢ Bryce Canyon stamp
- 75¢ Great Smoky Mountains stamp
- 84¢ Yosemite stamp
- 69¢ Okefenokee Swamp stamp
- 90¢ Hagatna Bay Guam stamp

This is a study of the United States Scenic American Landscapes series of airmail stamps and stationery that were issued starting in 1999 and continue to present. This exhibit starts with the first stamp in the series, the 48¢ Niagara Falls stamp, issued May 1999 and continues through the 90¢ Hagatna Bay Guam stamp issued in June 2007.

The items are organized by when the stamp or stationery item was issued.

A separate title page picturing the appropriate stamp/stationery will guide one through the entire exhibit. This page will indicate a guide to what type of items are in each section.

The stamps themselves may not be the most difficult to acquire because of their modern status. But finding actual uses help seeing how important this series of stamps is for future postal historians to start looking at now.

The exhibit is divided into 14 different sections according to the 14 items in this series. Each



Uses of stamps paying the first-class letter rate to Mexico, like this one, are hard to find.

This section features the stamps and/or stationery, first-day covers and related material, domestic/international uses if available, and additional items when appropriate.

Uses to approximately  
**35** countries are in the exhibit.

Numerous hours were devoted to scouring for uses of each of the stamps. Not too many stamp or postal history dealers stock modern material, which made the hunt more difficult.

Many of the recent United States airmail rates are still archived on the U.S. Postal Service's web site. The author has also used the Postal Bulletin, a USPS publication, for information about each of the new stamps.

The Scenic American Landscapes series continues today. With annual rate increases likely, new airmail stamps in this series will continue.

Two new stamps are being issued May 16, 2008: a 72¢ 13-Mile Woods stamp and a 94¢ St. John U.S. Virgin Islands stamp.

Both of these stamps will only add some further interest to the hunt for new uses in this interesting and expanding series of airmail stamps.



Two known perforation breaks that are difficult to find in the United States Scenic American Landscapes airmail stamp series.

### EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

- original photograph used for the 90¢ Hagatna Bay Guam stamp
- two misperforated stamps
- scarce uses for stamps paying rates to Mexico
- autographed first-day ceremony programs
- uses to numerous countries including Mongolia, India, Tonga, South Africa, and Western Samoa
- first-day covers