THE ORIENT EXPRESS ON STAMPS

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Perhaps the most famous train in both reality and fiction, the Orient Express ran through Europe’s greatest cities.
This presentation is just a small sample of the stamps and souvenir sheets depicting the many facets of the Orient Express.

Pages are presented in alphabetical order of the issuing country.
Austria
Bosnia & Herzegovina (Serbia Adm.)
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Dominica
IN Murder on the Orient Express, the train is stuck conveniently in a snow drift while Poirot solves the mystery of an American passenger found dead with numerous stab wounds. The setting stems from Agatha Christie's own experiences. She was delayed on the express by floods and reduced to iron rations – sharing chocolate and biscuits with fellow passengers: 'a large jocose Italian, a little German with a bald head, a Bulgarian lady, a thin and a terrible man from Chicago ... dressed in an orange suit, lots of gold chains and things, and a royal blue satin tie with horse shoes on it.' Agatha journeyed frequently on the Orient Express to and from Baghdad with her second husband Max Mallowan, the well-known archaeologist, later to be knighted, who excavated several important sites in the Middle East.
Hungary
Ireland
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Mongolia
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GEORGES NADOLNICKS, a Belgian inventor, built an improved version of the American George Pullman, who invented the first sleeping cars in 1859. This invention revolutionized passenger rail travel in Europe and founded a new company, Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits in 1864.
Sierra Leone

MATA HARI, Margaretha Geertruida Zelle, originally from Indonesia, was born in Leeuwarden, Netherlands 1876. She frequently traveled on the Orient Express, often as a spy for the Germans. She was condemned to death and executed in Vincennes, outside Paris in 1917.

AGATHA CHRISTIE, a celebrated British author, was born in 1890. She brought even greater fame to the Simplon Orient Express with her novel, "Murder on the Orient Express" 1934, which was inspired by an actual incident when the Orient Express was blocked by snow.
Uganda
Yugoslavia
Yugoslavia
Zambia
And yes, the Orient Express had its own stamps!

½ pence postage and additional fee for a letter sent by the Orient Express, cancelled by the British Post Office in Constantinople, Nov. 20, 1889, addressed to Tilsit (East Prussia)
The End

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