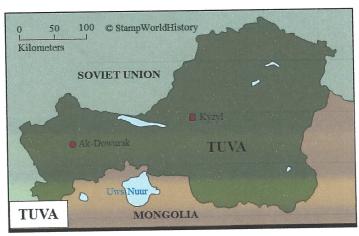
Tuva (Tannu Touva/N.Mongolia)

<u>Tuva</u> was a country in <u>central Asia</u> between <u>Russia</u> and <u>Mongolia</u>, which in 1921, under Soviet instigation, became the <u>Tuvan People's Republic</u>. A treaty between the <u>Soviet Union</u> and the <u>Mongolian People's Republic</u> in 1926 affirmed the country's independence. In 1944, it was annexed to the Soviet Union as part of the <u>Tuvan Autonomous Oblast</u> and in 1961 became the <u>Tuva Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic</u>. Its successor since 1992, the <u>Tuvan Republic</u>, is a member of the <u>Russian Federation</u>.



The <u>Tuvan People's Republic</u> issued postage stamps between 1926 and 1936. They were popular with stamp collectors in the Western world because of the obscurity and exoticism of Tannu Tuva and the stamps' quirky, colourful designs.

100 Kopecks = 1 Rouble

1926

The first stamp series depicted the Buddhist wheel of life with Mongolian writing.



1927

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Map of Tuva



100 Kopecks = 1 Tugrik





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