

The History of the Football World Cup under the Eye of Philately



On 08/07/2018: The original block of 06/14/2018 was reissued after the end of the Cup with the date of the final match (15.07.2018) and the result: France 4x2 Croatia inscribed around the circle symbolizing the ball of football. In the center of the block, a single stamp showing the FIFA Cup. Around it, clockwise from the top right, are the *Luzhniki Stadium* (capacity 81,000) – host of the final in Moscow, *Ekaterinburg Arena*, officially called Central Stadium (capacity 35,061) and, lastly, the *Volgograd Arena* (capacity 45,568). Still circling the stamp of the cup, other sights of the host cities in Russia.

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The 22nd edition of the Cups was the first organized in the Middle East and also the first with games being played at the end of the year due to high temperatures. The competition had 5 host cities and distributed its games between 8 stadiums. The last edition with 32 participating countries had an average of 2.69 goals and 53,191 fans per game. The Qatar Post issued a total of 55 pieces in commemoration of the world competition organized in the desert.



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12/18/2022: *Lusail Stadium*, which received 88,966 people in the final, was featured in a Qatar block with the FIFA Cup stamp (both in salience)

Champions: **Argentina**
Runners-up: **France**