

# Lote: 160

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\*\*/\* 531/46, 547/58, 559/65. 1930. Tres series completas en dos carpetas conmemorativas de los años ochenta de Los Viajes de Colón. MAGNIFICAS. Edifil 2024: 165 Euros





## THE VOYAGES OF COLUMBUS

Date of Issue: September 29, 1930  
Quantity Issued: 50,500 complete sets

Between May 9, 1929, and June 21, 1930, the city of Seville hosted the Ibero-American Exposition, a massive exhibition that had been over 20 years in the planning. It focused on Latin American countries, and a total of 23 nations took part, each with its own pavilion featuring displays of art and technological innovations. It was originally planned to open in 1914, but World War I and construction of the numerous buildings delayed the opening for 15 years. The purpose of the exposition was to improve relations between Spain and the nations in attendance, many of which were former Spanish colonies. Highlights of the exposition were a full scale replica of the Santa Maria, a display of over 120 letters and manuscripts that had belonged to Christopher Columbus, and many documents, maps and objects related to the early exploration of the Americas by the Spanish.

At the same time, the Barcelona International Exposition was held, featuring the participation of 20 European nations. It was planned to be held in 1917, but like the Seville fair, World War I and construction delays pushed the opening to 1929.

The promoters of the exhibitions worked with the Spanish Post Office to release several sets, which were sold by the Post Office for three days in the cities of Barcelona, Madrid and Seville. This set of 16 stamps honors the voyages of Columbus and was printed by Waterlow and Sons, a security printing firm in London. The low values from 1-20 centavos were printed by lithography, while the higher values from 25 centavos - 10 peseta were engraved. Although it was issued after the close of the exhibition, funds raised by the sale of this set were used to pay expenses incurred during the exhibition.

### Stamp Designs

- 1, 2, 5, 15 centavos: Santa Maria (bow view)
- 2, 5, 10, 20 centavos: Santa Maria (stern view)

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