

## The "Amber Route" silver coins

These antique finish silver coins, produced by the Mint of Poland, trace the ancient Roman "Amber Road" from the south shore of the Baltic Sea, in northern Europe, all the way to Roman Italy. The Amber Route follows the path of merchants who travelled these areas to buy amber, these travels started as early as the 1st century BC. The Amber Route is also a cover name for the multiple commercial relationships between the Mediterranean and Baltic countries.



The coin reverse depicts in the center, a Roman covered wagon pulled by two horses. The bust profile portrait of a Roman legionnaire oversees the transport. In background a map of the Baltic Sea, indicating the coastline and location of Kaliningrad. A profile portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II is depicted on the coin.



Kaliningrad (Königsburg), Russia

In the center of the coin observe is the inscription for the town of Kaliningrad. Beneath the

inscription is the image of a Pugio; a small dagger used as sidearms by Roman soldiers. In the background is an image of Königsberg Castle, the name sake of the town that became known as Kaliningrad in 1946. In the top right portion of the coin is an image of an ancient coin, the type used to pay for amber in those times, while next to that is a genuine amber insert. At the bottom of the coin in a semi-circle, is the inscription "SZLAK BURSZTYNOWY" (Amber Route).



Gdansk (Danzig), Poland

The coin obverse depicts medieval crane Zuraw sits behind a Roman coin and the statue of Neptune in the city's central market square, with a circular piece of Polish amber inlaid. A portrait Roman coin complete the design. The legend above reads "GDANSK and SZLAK BURSZTYNOWY ("Amber Route").

of St. Nicholas, located in old town Elblag, with a circular piece of Polish amber inlaid. A dual portrait Roman coin and a Roman wine cup complete the design. The legend above reads "ELBLAG and SZLAK BURSZTYNOWY" ("Amber Route").



Wroclaw (Breslau), Poland

The coin observe depicts impressive Wroclaw historic City Hall built in a typical fourteenth century Brick Gothic and the statue symbol of city, with a circular piece of Polish amber inlaid. A portrait Roman coin complete the design. The legend above reads "WROCLAW and SZLAK BURSZTYNOWY ("Amber Route").



Elblag (Elbing), Poland

The coin obverse depicts a medieval Roman Catholic cathedral