



Struve Geodetic Arc

On September 20, 2007 Belarus Post will issue the souvenir sheet dedicated to the Struve Geodetic Arc.

Designer: Oksana Novosyolova. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced.

Perforation: comb 14^{1/4}:14. **Size of the stamp:** 28x40 mm. **Size of the souvenir sheet:** 112x80 mm.

Print quantity: 15.000.

There are elements of protection on the stamp.

Souvenir sheet No. 56



No. 686
Struve Geodetic Arc.
5000 BYR

Historical reference. The Struve Arc, or measurement of the meridian arc, is a UNESCO World Heritage object. It consisted of 258 separate points for a distance of 2880 km where in 1816—1855 large-scale measurements were carried out which helped to determine the exact size and shape of the Earth. There were 31 of such points in the territory of modern Belarus (the 5 of them were listed in the UNESCO World Heritage objects). In the history of UNESCO it is the first scientific and technical transfrontier object which runs through ten states from the North to the South: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, the Ukraine and Moldova. In Belarus it is the fourth object after the world-wide known ones like the National Park of Belovezhskaya Pushcha, Mir and Nesvizh Castles.



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Colour of the postmark — black.

Special **postmark** and **FDC**
designed by O. Novosyolova.



Special cancellation: a special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Main Post Office of Minsk on the souvenir sheet issuing day.