Gibraltar is a British overseas territory located near the southernmost tip of the Iberian Peninsula overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar. The territory shares a border with Spain to the north. Gibraltar has historically been an important base for the British Armed Forces and is the site of a Royal Navy base.
GIBRALTAR

Watermarked Multiple Crown and Script C.A.

1953

[Images of various Gibraltar stamps with different denominations and designs, including a stamp depicting Government House and another with the Arms of Gibraltar with a yellow and red background.]

1954

[Image of a stamp with the inscription "ROYAL VISIT 1954" and a stamp with a ship and castle.]
GIBRALTAR

Watermarked St. Edward's Crown and CA Multiple

1969

[Image of various Gibraltar stamps]
GIBRALTAR

Unwatermarked
1978

Straits of Gibraltar

English Channel
Bay of Biscay
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

EUROPE
AFRICA
GIBRALTAR
2000

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MILLENNIUM STAMPS
To Pay Labels - Old Views of Gibraltar

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1p This pre-1895 view of Water Gates, more commonly known as "Water Port Gates" (demolished to ease traffic flow), shows the Market Clock. This clock and shelter for persons using the horse-drawn gharies in those days and buses nowadays has been moved further north to the site of the egg and poultry market.

10p This depicts Her Majesty's Dockyard in its early years. Her Majesty's Dockyard was built in during the period 1895 and 1902. The label clearly shows "The Tower", the nerve centre of the dockyard and naval base.

25p This depicts the Military Hospital now known as the Royal Naval Hospital. The hospital was originally completed and occupied for the first time early in the year 1904. The building is a rich example of Edwardian castellated architecture and is known locally as the Wedgewood Castle because of its distinctive blue and white external decorations.

50p This depicts Governor's Cottage. Following the epidemic of 1804 it was felt that it was best to move His Excellency the Governor's residence away from the Convent to a much fresher place during the hot summer months. In 1805 The Governors Cottage was completed.

£1 This depicts the inundation, better known locally as "The Laguna", in the very early 20th Century. The Laguna no longer exists and Laguna Estate now stands on top of what was The Laguna. The inundation was dug as part of the defence works guarding the landward approach at the time of General Elliott and the Great Seige (1779-1783).

£2 This depicts the fishing village of Catalan Bay in approximately the year 1900. In the forefront of the label you can see military tents situated on the beach. The inhabitants of Catalan Bay are mostly descended from Genoese fishermen. The village still retains the character of a fishing village and many of the inhabitants still consider themselves a race apart from the rest of their compatriots living on the town side of the Rock.

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