

"Amber Route" is a very popular series of beautiful collector coins minted by the Polish Mint for an issuer - Niue Island. The characteristic trait of this series is an amber insertion and small issue

Stare Hradisko (Moravia, Czech Republic). On the oppidum in Stare Hradisko was found a large amount of amber, mainly raw, but with some ready-made objects (ornaments, figurines, etc.), as well as artifacts deriving from Italic workshops (bronze and glass utensils, ceramics). These findings and numerous gold coins indicate that the oppidum, in other words a fortified settlement which was a center of craftsmanship and trade, was an important commercial stop along the amber route. The location was a source of economic development and wealth. The oppidum was active in the last centuries BC and its desertion in the 1st century AD was probably associated with the ethnic changes taking place at the time – when Germanic peoples invaded Moravia.

Obverse:

In the centre, a stylized image of a cart, in which ambers were carried by the Romans from Baltic Sea to Italy. Behind the cart, on the left, a stylized image of a head of the Roman. On the background, an image of a map with Baltic Sea outline. At the top, along the edge, a semicircular inscription: AMBER ROUTE. At the bottom, a semicircular inscription: NIUE ISLAND; above it, a nominal value: 1 Dollar. An image of the Queen Elizabeth II with the Mint's mark (MW), on the left of the cart. On the right of the Queen's head, an inscription: ELIZABETH II; under it, a year of issue: 2010.

Reverse:

On the left side of the coin – an image of an ancient coin which comes from Stare Hradisko, next to it – amber insertion. On the right side of the coin – an image of an antique jewellery – a figurine. At the

bottom, along the rim – semicircular inscription in Polish – „Stare Hradisko”.

Nomination: 5 Dollar

Mintage: up to 2 000

Issuer: Niue Island

Quality: proof

Decoration: amber insertion 10 mm

Niue je ostrov ležící 2 400 kilometrů od Nového Zélandu. Největší korálový ostrov zabírá polohu 259 km² v jižní části Tichého oceánu. Většina ostrovní populace jsou domorodí Polynésané, ke všemu jejich populace neustále klesá, jelikož se domorodí obyvatelé neustále stěhují na Nový Zéland. Populace ostrova je přibližně 2 500 obyvatel. Správním střediskem ostrova je město Alofi.

