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GRAN BRETAÑA. 5 Libras (Ae.Ni. 28,28g/39mm). 2025. Royal Mint. Iron Maiden. 50 Aniversario. Set completo.



THE MAIDEN VOYAGE

Adorned with their iconic figurehead Eddie, Iron Maiden's self-titled debut was gritty, raw and aggressive. In 1981, they released the follow-up album *Killers*, the first to feature guitarist Adrian Smith.

Di'Anno was replaced by Bruce Dickinson for seminal album *The Number of the Beast* in 1982. Reaching number one in the UK, it also broke the Top 40 on the Billboard 200 in the United States, ushering in a period of global acclaim for the band. Soon after, Nicko McBrain replaced Clive Burr on drums and completed what is widely considered Iron Maiden's iconic line-up.



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THE BIRTH OF A BEAST

In December 1975, the world of music received the gift of a lifetime with the formation of Iron Maiden in Leyton, East London. The brainchild of bassist Steve Harris, the driving force and visionary of the band to this day, their first gig took place on 1 May 1976.

Despite his best efforts, the band suffered multiple changes early on but settled on three core members: Dave Murray on guitar, Steve Harris on bass and Paul Di'Anno as frontman. Entering the studio for demo recordings in the final days of 1978, the band signed to EMI in 1979, primed and ready for their eponymous debut album to be unleashed on the world in 1980.



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THE RENAISSANCE

In 1999, Bruce Dickinson returned to the band along with Adrian Smith, who had left in 1990. Now with three guitars, the band went on to release three albums in the 2000s: *Brave New World* (2000), *Dance of Death* (2003) and *A Matter of Life and Death* (2006). In 2010, they released *The Final Frontier*, which was later followed by two double studio albums, *The Book of Souls* (2015) and *Senjutsu* (2021).

From 2001, the Ed Force One plane helped to facilitate the band's busy schedule, making touring easier. Other planes for Bruce Dickinson himself, they were used for the *Senjutsu* tour in 2021, *The Final Frontier* and *The Book of Souls* tours.



LEGACY OF THE BEAST

With songs deeply rooted in storytelling, Iron Maiden are as popular today as ever before, with industry accolades and awards to prove it. In 2013, they launched our with the launch of their *Timperley Beer* brand, which has sold over 40 million pints, and a new-selling music genre, *Iron Maiden: Legacy of the Beast*.

Seen by many as pioneers of the new wave of British heavy metal back in 1980, they paved the way for multiple generations of musicians, influencing the likes of Metallica, Slipknot and Ghost, and their cross-generational appeal and devotion to their fans has seen them remain at the top of their game for five decades.



Masters of Metal

Over the course of the last 50 years, Iron Maiden have not only become icons of their genre but bona fide music legends who have garnered true global appeal. In celebration of the band's 50th anniversary, we honour one of Britain's most revered bands and greatest exports with a UK coin featuring bespoke artwork created by acclaimed Iron Maiden artist Alberto 'Akirant' Quirantes.

COIN SPECIFICATIONS

Denomination:	£5
Issuing Authority:	United Kingdom
Alloy:	Cupro-nickel
Weight:	28.28g
Diameter:	38.61mm
Obverse Designer:	Martin Jennings
Reverse Designer:	Alberto 'Akirant' Quirantes
Quality:	Brilliant Uncirculated

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