

World Box



Norway

Norway is a country in the north of Europe. It is the western part of the Scandinavian peninsula. The Kingdom of Norway has been independent since 1905. Its head of state is now King Harald V. The national day is May 17, which celebrates Norway's constitution of 1814. The parliament is called *Stortinget* and its members are elected by the people every 4 years.



About 5 million people live in Norway. The capital is the city of Oslo. It is also the largest city, with a population of over 942,000. Other major cities are Bergen with 251,000 people and Trondheim with 172,000; both of these have been the Norwegian capital in earlier years. Norwegian is the national language. There are two official written versions of Norwegian called *Bokmål* and *Nynorsk*. Many Sami individuals are native speakers of one of the Sami languages.

Norway comprises the western and northernmost part of Scandinavia in Northern Europe. Norway includes the northernmost point on the European mainland. The rugged coastline is broken by huge fjords and thousands of islands. The coastline of the mainland including fjords stretches 28,953 kilometres (17,991 mi). Norway shares a 1,619-kilometre (1,006 mi) land border with Sweden, 727 kilometres (452 mi) with Finland, and 196 kilometres (122 mi) with Russia to the east. The coast touches the Oslofjord, Skagerrak, and the North Sea.



At 385,207 square kilometres (148,729 sq mi), much of the country is dominated by mountainous or high terrain, with a great variety of natural features caused by prehistoric glaciers and varied topography. The most noticeable of these are the fjords: deep grooves cut into the land flooded by the sea following the end of the Ice Age. Sognefjorden is the world's second deepest fjord, and the world's longest at 204 kilometres (127 mi). Hornindalsvatnet is the deepest lake in all Europe. Norway has about 400,000 lakes and 239,057 islands. Permafrost can be found all year in the higher mountain areas and in the interior of Finnmark county. Numerous glaciers are found in Norway.



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