



Country Profile: Norway

Norway is a highly developed stable democracy with a modern economy. The cost of living in Norway is high and tourist facilities are well developed and widely available. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Norway for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Norway
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Oslo
Boundary Countries:	Finland, Sweden, Russia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	The National Hospital- Oslo, Volvat Medical Centre (Bergen & Fredrikstad), Volvat Medisinske Senter Oslo
Main Cities:	Oslo, Drammen, Bodo, Fredrikstad, Hamar, Bergen, Kristiansand, Stavanger, Floro, Alesund, Mo i Rana,Trondheim, Narvik, Harstad, Tromso, Hammerfest
Country Size:	323,802 sq km
Population:	4,644,457

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Norwegian 94.4% (includes Sami, about 60,000), other European 3.6%, other 2%
Currency:	Norwegian kroner (NOK)
Predominant Religions:	Church of Norway 85.7%, Pentecostal 1%, Roman Catholic 1%, other Christian 2.4%, Muslim 1.8%, other 8.1%
National Holidays:	Constitution Day, 17 May (1814)
Economic Status:	The Norwegian economy is a prosperous bastion of welfare capitalism, featuring a combination of free market activity and government intervention. The government controls key areas, such as the vital petroleum sector, through large-scale state enterprises.
Security:	Norwegian Army (Haeren), Royal Norwegian Navy (Kongelige Norske Sjøforsvaret, RNoN; includes Coastal Rangers and Coast Guard (Kystvakt)), Royal Norwegian Air Force (Kongelige Norske Luftforsvaret, RNoAF), Home Guard (Heimevernet, HV)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Oslo Morgedalsvegen 36 0378 Oslo Norway Phone: 21 30 85 40
Major Airports:	Airports: 98; Airports w/paved runways: 67

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