

COUNTRY	Norway
POSITION	<i>Norway is in the north of Europe, in the western part of the Scandinavian peninsula</i>
BORDERS	<i>It borders Arctic ocean to the north, Finland and Russia to the north-east, Finland to the east, the North Sea to the south and Norwegian sea to the west</i>
CAPITAL CITY	<i>The capital city of Norway is Oslo. Other important cities are Bergen, Trondheim and Stavanger</i>
FLAG	<i>The flag consists of a white and blue Nordic cross, an asymmetrical horizontal cross, on a field of red</i>
CURRENCY	<i>The currency is Norwegian krone</i>
POPULATION	<p><i>The total population of Norway was estimated to be 4,691,849. Most population lives in the southern coastal area</i></p> <p>Official languages <i>The official language is Norwegian (Bokmal and Nyrorsk)</i></p> <p>Ethnic groups <i>The ethnic groups are forest finns and lapps</i></p> <p>Immigration <i>The immigrants are from other countries of north Europe, Scandinavian countries and USA and are the 5% of the population</i></p> <p>Religion <i>The religion is Lutheran Christianity</i></p>
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	<i>The form of government in Norway is constitutional monarchy</i>
TERRITORY	<i>The rugged coastline, broken by huge fjords and thousands of islands, stretches 25,000 km. Fjords are deep grooves cut into the land. Permafrost is ground, at or below the freezing point of water 0° C for two or more years.</i>
MOUNTAINS	<i>The Scandinavian mountains form much of the border with Sweden. The highest mountains are Glitterdind and Galdhoppigen.</i>

RIVERS/LAKES	<p><i>The rivers are short and impetuous. There are many small lakes, Hornindalsvatnet is the deepest lake in all Europe.</i></p>
CLIMATE	<p><i>The Norwegian climate is continental in the inner parts, the coastal climate is oceanic, the north as a polar climate.</i></p>
ECONOMY	<p><i>The economy is based on: Primary sector: the most important products are potatoes, wheat, minerals, forests. Only 3% of the country is cultivable. Fish is very important. Norway is the first world's exporter of codfish and salmon.</i></p> <p><i>Secondary sector: the secondary sector is based on hydroelectric power stations, oil refining, metallurgic industry, chemical industry, boatyards. Norway is the fifth-largest oil exporter and third-largest gas exporter in the world</i></p> <p><i>Tertiary sector: it is represented by the tourism and overall the maritime transportation</i></p>
CURIOSITIES	<p>Typical food <i>Salmon (fresh and cured), herring (pickled or marinated), trout, codfish and other seafood balanced by cheeses, dairy products and breads (predominantly dark).</i></p>