

## Introduction to Scandinavia



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What do you think of when you  
hear the word  
**SCANDINAVIA**  
?

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### Scandinavia is...

- **Sweden and Norway** (Scandinavian Peninsula)
- **Denmark**

And sometimes the entire **Nordic region** including...

- **Finland** (on the basis of history, geology, and economy)
- **Greenland** (autonomous part of the Kingdom of Denmark)
- **Iceland and the Faroe Islands** (on the basis of language, shared history, etc.)



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*Which* Nordic country introduced freedom for the press in 1766 (as the first country)?

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## Sweden



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## Sweden



**Norrland, e.g.**

- Härjedalen
- Norrbotten
- Lapland

**Svealand, e.g.**

- Dalarna
- Uppland
- Värmland

**Götaland, e.g.**

- Västergötland
- Skåne
- Gotland


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## Sweden

~450,000 sq. km area

Official natl. language: Swedish

9.2 million inhabitants (2008)



*Famous Swedes:* August Strindberg, Alfred Nobel, Ingmar Bergman, Greta Garbo, Stellan Starsgård, Carl Larsson, Raoul Wallenberg, ABBA, Astrid Lindgren, Zlatan, Carolus Linnaeus

14 World Heritage sites, e.g.  
[Hanseatic town of Visby](#),  
[Rock Carvings in Tanum](#)  
[Birka and hovgården](#)

Capital: Stockholm

Currency:  
Swedish krona (SEK)

Constitutional Monarchy


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### Which Nordic region was rated as number **1 of 133** on the *Stewardship Index* as a travel destination by a panel of 437 experts in 2009?

(As measured by “assessment of **authenticity and stewardship**, evaluating the qualities that make a destination unique and measuring its ‘integrity of place.’” *National Geographic Traveler*, Nov./Dec. issue, 2009, <http://traveler.nationalgeographic.com/2009/11/destinations-rated/about-text> )



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## Norway



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## Norway

~385,000 sq. km. area

Currency: Norwegian krone (NOK)


Capital: Oslo

4.8 million inhabitants (2008)

Constitutional Monarchy

Official language: 2 official Norwegian varieties, Sami

*Famous Norwegians:*  
Henrik Ibsen, Edvard Grieg, Edvard Munch, Liv Ullman, Knut Hamsun, Roald Amundsen, A-ha  
7 *World Heritage sites*, e.g. [West Norwegian fjords](#), [Urnes Stave Church](#)



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Which Nordic nation has a “free town” within its capital? It also qualified to the the FIFA (soccer) World Cup in South Africa.

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## Denmark




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## Denmark



**Five regions**

- Nordjylland
- Midtjylland
- Syddanmark
- Sjælland
- Hovedstaden

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## Denmark

**5.5 million inhabitants**  
(2008)

Official language: Danish

**Constitutional Monarchy**

Currency: Danish krone (DKK)


~400 islands, ~70 inhabited

*Famous Danes:* H.C. Andersen, Karen Blixen, Viktor Borge, Lars von Trier, Helena Christensen, Jørn Utzon, Søren Kirkegaard, Niels Bohr, Tycho Brahe

3 World Heritage sites, e.g. [Kronborg castle](#), [Jellinge mounds/runic stone/church](#)

~43,000 sq. km area

**Capital: Copenhagen (København)**



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**Which** Nordic autonomy is partially interconnected by an intricate infrastructural system that involves subsea tunnels?

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## Faroe Islands



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## The Faeroes



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## The Faeroes



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## Faroe Islands

18 islands, 14,000 sq. km area

Currency: Faroe króna

Self-governing region of the Kingdom of Denmark



**Capital:**  
Tórshavn

~49,000 inhabitants (2008)

Famous Faroese: Sunleif Rasmussen, William Heinesen, Zacharias Heinesen, Heðin Brú

National language: Faroese (close to Icelandic)

Over 80% belong to state church, *fólkakirkjan*

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Which Nordic country had the highest **math** and **science literacy** among 15-year-olds in OECD countries in the most recent PISA scores (2006)?

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## Finland



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## Finland



- 1 Etelä-Suomen lääni (Southern Finland)
- 2 Länsi-Suomen lääni (Western Finland)
- 3 Itä-Suomen lääni (Eastern Finland)
- 4 Oulun lääni (Oulu Province)
- 5 Lapin lääni (Lapland Province)
- 6 Ahvenanmaa (Åland)



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## Finland

~338,000 sq. km. area

Currency: Euro


**Capital:  
Helsinki**

**5.3 million inhabitants (2009)**

multiparty republic with a president and a unicameral parliament

**National languages:  
Finnish, Swedish (minority)**

*Famous Finns: Tove Jansson, Alvar Aalto, Linus Torvalds, J. L. Runeberg*  
*7 World Heritage sites, e.g. [Verla Mill](#), [Fortress of Suomenlinna](#),*



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## Åland islands



Autonomous

Swedish as official language

EU region status

*In this map context:  
Nordic-Baltic ties*

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## Which Nordic country applied for EU membership in July 2009?

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## Iceland



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## Iceland

~103,000 sq. km  
area

Currency:  
Iceland króna

Constitutional Republic  
with president and Alþingi



Capital:  
Reykjavík

307,000 inhabitants  
(2009)

*Famous Icelanders:* Björk, Sigur Rós, Leifr Eiríksson, Halldór Laxness, Árni Magnússon, Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, Snorri Sturluson  
2 World Heritage sites:  
[Þingvellir National Park](#), [Surtsey](#)

Official religion: evangelical Lutheran

Official language:  
Icelandic

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**Where** in the Nordic region were there 'Viking'-founded settlements that disappeared around the 15<sup>th</sup> century?

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## Greenland



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## Greenland

- Qaasuitsup (North)
- Qeqqata (West)
- Kujalleq (South)
- Sermersooq (East)

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## Greenland

Languages: Greenlandic (an Eskimo-Aleut language), Danish

58,000 inhabitants (2009)


Capital: Nuuk

Famous Greenlanders: Kimmernaq, Hans Lynge.  
One World Heritage site: [Ilulissat Icefjord](#)

~ 2,160,000 sq km area

Currency: Danish krone

parliamentary democracy & constitutional monarchy  
(autonomous with foreign affairs controlled by Denmark)



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## Greenland

### What is the region of Scandinavia's indigenous populations?


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## Sápmi



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