

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

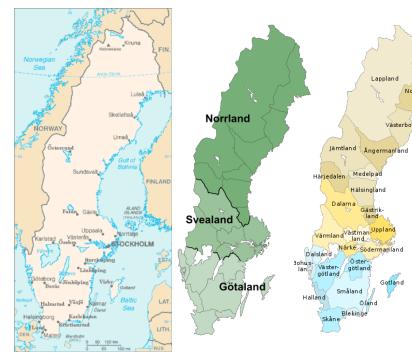


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Sweden



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Norrland, e.g.

- Härjedalen
- Norrbotten
- Lapland

Svealand, e.g.

- Dalarna
- Uppland
- Värmland

Götaland, e.g.

- Västergötland
- Skåne
- Gotland

Sweden

~450,000 sq. km area

Official natl. language: Swedish

9.2 million inhabitants (2008)



Capital: Stockholm

Famous Swedes: August Strindberg, Alfred Nobel, Ingmar Bergman, Greta Garbo, Stellan Skarsgård, 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

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,

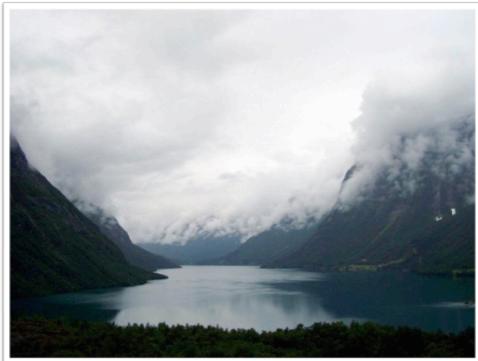
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Norway



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Norway

~385,000 sq. km. area

Currency:
Norwegian krone
(NOK)

Capital: Oslo

4.8 million inhabitants (2008)

Constitutional
MonarchyOfficial 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



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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
MonarchyCurrency:
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 Soumenlinna](#),*

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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:
[Pingvallir 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 15th century?

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Greenland



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Greenland



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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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What is the region of Scandinavia's indigenous populations?

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Sápmi



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