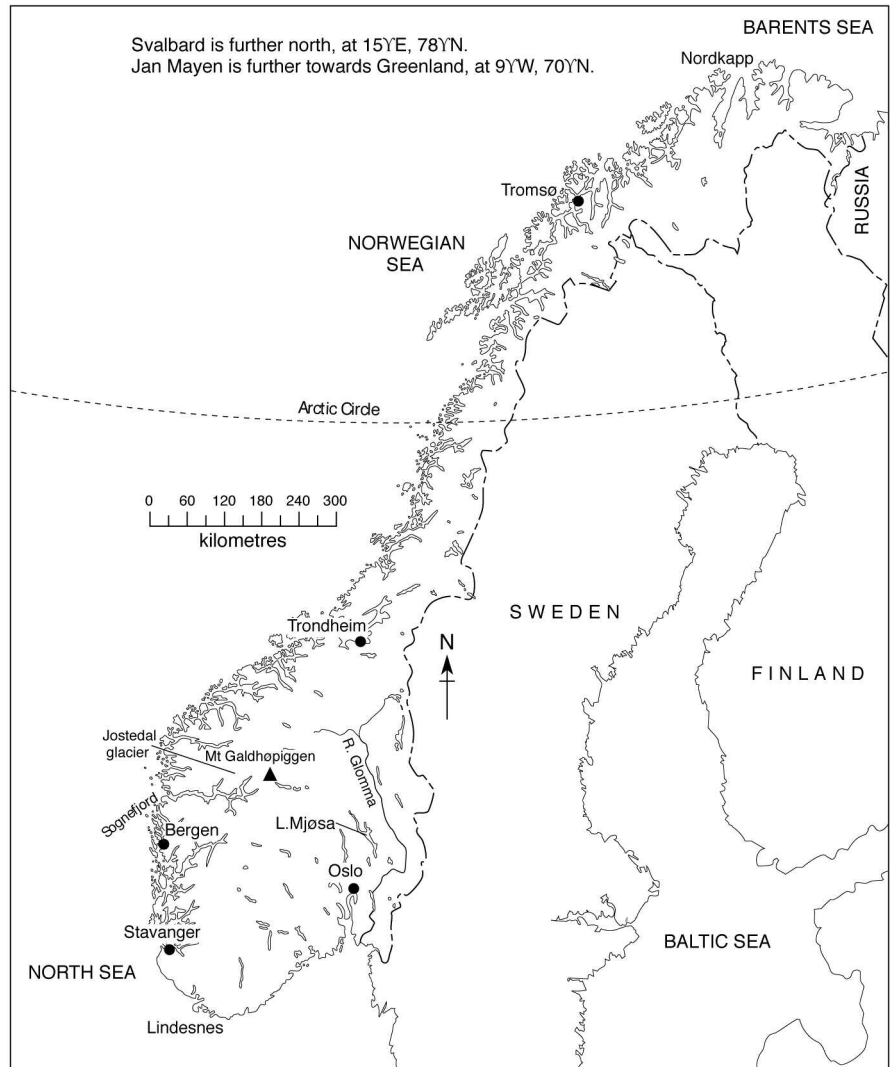


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Geographical features

Area	386 958 km ² , including the Svalbard and Jan Mayen territories
Borders	With Sweden, Finland and Russia, a total of 2542 km
Coastline	Along the North Sea, Norwegian Sea and Barents Sea, a total of 25,148km, including fjords, plus approximately 50 000 islands <small>Source: Norwegian central Statistic Bureau, 2002</small>
Distance north-south by air	Nordkapp to Lindesnes, 1752 km
Highest mountain	Galdhøpiggen, 2469 m
Longest river	River Glomma, 600 km
Largest lake	Lake Mjøsa, 362 km ²
Longest fjord	Sognefjord, 204 km long, 1308 metres deep at its deepest point
Largest glacier	Jostedal glacier, 487 km ²
Midnight sun	Visible in the summer, north of the Arctic Circle. At Nordkapp, visible from 14 May to 29 July



Historical milestones

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800–1050	The Viking age
1380–1814	Union with Denmark
1814	Constitution adopted
1814–1905	Union with Sweden
1905	End of Union. Haakon VII, married to Maud (daughter of King Edward VII of Britain), crowned king
1940–45	World War 2. German occupation

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National features

System of government	Constitutional monarchy. The Parliament, the Storting, is elected every four years and consists of 165 representatives from 19 counties.
Religion	Most Norwegians belong to the state Evangelical–Lutheran Church.
Language	Norway has two official forms of the written language: <i>bokmål</i> (Standard Norwegian) and <i>nynorsk</i> (New Norwegian). Like English, Norwegian uses the Latin alphabet but has three extra letters: æ (pronounced like the a in bad), ø (pronounced like the i in bird) and å (pronounced like the a in ball). The minority Sami people have their own language, <i>Sami</i> .
National Day	17 May, when Norwegians celebrate the signing of the Constitution in 1814
National sport	Skiing. Ski sports were invented in Norway. Words like <i>ski</i> and <i>slalom</i> originated in Norway. Norway has twice staged the Olympic Winter Games: in Oslo in 1952 and in Lillehammer in 1994.
National animal	Elk
Famous explorers	Leiv Eriksson, the Viking who reached America around the year 1000; Fridtjof Nansen (polar explorer); Roald Amundsen (polar explorer); Thor Heyerdahl (sea explorer)

Economic features

Currency	The Norwegian monetary unit is the krone (crown). One krone consists of 100 øre, equal to about 9 pence.				
GDP, 2001	US\$ 203 985 million				
GDP per head, 2001	US\$ 42 801				
Largest export by value, 2001 (%)	Crude oil and gas 43%	basic metals 6%	machinery and equipment 8%		
Main export destinations, 2000	United Kingdom 20%	The Netherlands 11.4%	Germany 10.3%	Sweden 8.4%	
Largest import by value, (%)	Machinery and equipment 24%	Chemicals and mineral products 7%	Basic metals 6%	Textiles 3%	
Main import sources, % (2000)	Sweden 14.7%	Germany 11.9%	USA 8.2%	United Kingdom 9%	Denmark 6.4%

Social features

Population, 2001	4.504.000		
Population by age	0-14: 20%	15-64: 65%	65+ : 15%
Largest cities	Oslo (capital) 508.726.000	Bergen 230948	Trondheim 150166
Urban population	77.3%		
Birth rate per 1000	13.2		
Death rate per 1000	9.8		
Life expectancy	Male 76.0 years, female 81.4 years		
Infant mortality (deaths per 1000 live births)	3.9		
Population per doctor	275		
Adult literacy	100%		