



NORWAY

Capital: Oslo

Population: 4.9 million

Currency: Norwegian Krone (NOK)

Language: Norwegian

Time Zone: EST plus 6 hours

Electricity: 230V. 50Hz

Fun Facts



- Pagan gods, like Odin and Thor, were worshipped in Norway before it converted to Christianity in 995.
- The per capita income of Norway ranks among the highest in the world. Norway is counted among the wealthiest countries in the world.
- In a survey conducted by Global Peace Index in 2007, Norway was rated the most peaceful country in the world.

Images of breathtaking Norway include deep fjords surrounded by mountain peaks, glaciers, waterfalls, and the beauty of its thousand-mile coastline. Its fjords probably capture the imagination most, but don't underestimate the power and majesty of the mountains, the changing moods of the sea, and the charm of the tiny villages nestled along the rugged coast.

Norwegians are proud of their history as a seafaring nation, including the Viking Leif Erikson, who crossed the Atlantic to America half a millennium before Columbus, Thor Heyerdahl, who proved his point on the amazing Kon-Tiki raft, and the thrilling Arctic and Antarctic expeditions of Roald Amundsen.

Norway's population of almost five million people lives in an area of 150,000 square miles; its territory includes Spitsbergen and the Jan Mayen Islands in the North Atlantic. A constitutional monarchy governed by an elected parliament of 165 members, its head of state is King Harald V. Its economy depends on extraction and processing of raw materials, hydroelectric power, oil, natural gas, and forestry.

Knitted sweaters are a must to buy; their beautiful designs, inspired by history and tradition, are a part of the Olympic skier's uniform. Culinary specialties include baked salmon, *geitost* (brown goat cheese), *rommegrot* (sour cream porridge), *lefse* (cold potato flour roll with butter and cinnamon), and *multer* (cloudberries). Order a glass of Line Aquavit in a local bar - a Christmas schnapps that has crossed the equator twice before being bottled—and the natives will regard you as a true connoisseur.



VISAS AND PASSPORTS

Visas to Norway are not required for U.S. citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please check with your local consulate about requirements for travel to Norway. All passengers traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Please carry proper identification (your passport) on you and do not leave it in your suitcase or hotel room. European law requires you to carry your passport with you at all times.



COUNTRY CODES

The country code for Norway is 47. When calling to Norway from overseas, you dial your international access code (011 from the U.S./Canada) followed by the country code, area code, and phone number. Phone numbers in Norway are eight digits in length. Dialing from the U.S./Canada: 011+47+X+XXX XXXX.



CURRENCY AND BUDGETING

The official currency of Norway is the Krone/Kroner. U.S. dollars are generally not accepted, but if in exceptional cases they are, change will be given in the local currency (Norwegian Krone).

1 Norwegian Krone (NOK) = 100 Øre

- Banknote denominations: Kroner - 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000
- Coin denominations: Øre - 50; Krone/Kroner - 1, 5, 10, 20

For the most current exchange rates, please go to our Web site at www.globusfamily.com/currency

Credit cards are accepted in Norway, and you should have no problems using them in larger shops and restaurants. Visa and MasterCard are most accepted. Smaller shops may ask you to pay in cash or have a minimum amount required to use a credit card.



TO HELP YOU BUDGET

The following budget guidelines are just approximate values or starting values for meals and are per person. Actual prices will vary widely by restaurant and city within a country but below are some averages as provided by our experienced personnel.

The approximate cost of a soft drink/mineral water/coffee is 12-24 NOK.

An average lunch consisting of a salad or sandwich and a soda or water starts at approximately 120-200 NOK.

A steak dinner at a mid-range restaurant with dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage starts at approximately 360 NOK.



TIPPING

For restaurant services, we recommend a 10% tip for wait staff for good service.

For taxis, an average tip is 10% of the fare.

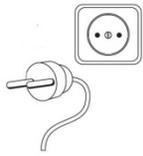
Tip hotel staff approximately 15 NOK for room service.

A few small denomination coins will be needed for public toilets.



ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Voltage for outlets is 230V. North American voltage is generally 110V. Therefore, a converter may be necessary for your travels. Adapters will be necessary to adapt your plug into the outlet but may not convert the voltage, so both devices are necessary. Norway uses a round, 2-prong plug.



Type C



Type F



TEMPERATURES

Given the latitude, Norway enjoys surprisingly mild weather. Rain falls mainly in the spring, while summers stay pleasant and winters are, well, wintry. Pack lightweight clothes with a few warm layers in the summer and autumn. Rain gear is essential in spring. Bring warm clothes, heavy coats and boots for winter.

To help you plan, below are average low and high temperatures for Oslo.

Month	Average High °(F)	Average Low °(F)
January	33	23
February	35	23
March	42	28
April	50	33
May	62	44
June	68	41
July	73	55
August	71	55
September	60	44
October	70	37
November	39	28
December	33	23

To convert to Celsius, subtract 32, then multiply by 5 and then divide by 9.

See examples in the Know Before You Go Europe document.



FOOD SPECIALTIES

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A FEW WORDS OF THE LOCAL LANGUAGE

Good Morning: God morgen, **How do you do:** God dag, **(Many) thanks:** (Mange) takk, **Where is...?:** Kan du si meg hvor...er?, **Smoking forbidden:** Royking forbudt, **Toilet: (Gents) Toalett-Herrer, (Ladies) Damer, 1: En, 2: To, 3: Tre, 4: Fire, 5: Fem, 6: Seks, 7: Sju, 8: Atte, 9: Ni, 10: Ti, Still mineral water:** Mineral vann uten kullsyre, **Beer:** Ol, **Wine:** Vin, **Cheers!** Skall!, **Good Night:** God natt.

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