



Norway

Norway is a European country on the western part of the Scandinavian peninsula. The northernmost part of the country is inside the Arctic Circle and borders the Arctic Ocean. The rest of Norway borders the Norwegian Sea, the North Sea, Sweden, Finland, and Russia. Norway also includes thousands of islands. Much of the coast is cut by fjords, inlets of the sea. The sea has always been an important part of life in Norway. In early times, fishing was a major part of daily life. The Norwegians became great seafarers, and some of their people were part of the Vikings

who explored and ruled during the 800s-1000s.

About two-thirds of the people of Norway live in the southern part of the country. The city of Oslo is the capital and largest city. More than 8 out of every 10 people in Norway live in cities. Manufacturing is a major part of the country's economy, as is the petroleum industry. The country also has valuable mines that help provide fuel and resources so the factories can keep working. For those in rural areas, fishing is still the major source of income. They catch fish such as blue whiting, cod, haddock, herring, and mackerel that they ship to other parts of the world. Farmers raise crops such as barley, wheat, rye, and potatoes to export and raise beef and dairy cattle and poultry.

Along with Norwegian, Sami, the language of early peoples of Norway, is spoken in some areas.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Norway! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Many of the people in Norway have heard of Jesus, and there is freedom of religion for people to ask questions. But many people, especially young people, aren't sure they really believe everything that God has said. Pray that everyone will hear, ask questions, and understand how much God loves them and put Jesus in charge of their lives.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Norway? Here are a few more things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that all people will understand how much Jesus loves them.



Pray for the people living in Oslo, Bergen, Heddal, and Reine, plus every other city and town to believe in Jesus.

