

# NORWAY CLASSIC



## COUNTRY INFORMATION

The kingdom of Norway is a constitutional monarchy in Northern Europe that occupies the western portion of the Scandinavian Peninsula. It is a beautiful country with deep blue fjords and high mountains. Norwegians are very proud of their country, and their Constitution Day on May 17th is one of the most important holidays and is celebrated in all parts of the country. Norwegians are known to be friendly people with a good sense of humour.

**Situated:** Northern Europe, Scandinavia

**Area:** 386,958 square kilometres

**Inhabitants:** 5.1 million

**Capital:** Oslo

**Language:** Norwegian (Bokmål and Nynorsk)

**National day:** 17<sup>th</sup> May

## COUNTRY MAP



**Age criteria:**  
16-17 years old

**Starting months:**  
August

**Language requirements:**  
Good English Skills

**Visa:** Mandatory, extra fees apply

**Preparation course:**  
STS Welcome Camp, extra fee apply

**School year:** August - May/June

**School day:** 8:00 - 16:00

**Optional trips:** Options to join trips during the year

## THE SCHOOL

The school year is divided into two semesters, the fall semester starts in August and ends in December while the spring semester starts in January and ends in June. High school consists of three years, and this is a preparation for higher education. Students have a certain number of compulsory subjects such as Math, English, Norwegian, History and Social Science, but they can also choose between a range of subjects depending on their interests and depending on the schools.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Full Zapp application
- Good health
- Good grades (minimum C average)
- Good knowledge of English
- Skype interview before acceptance

## THE CULTURE

Norwegians like to consider themselves very active people that love to be outdoors. They enjoy getting together for celebrations, both in public and at home, and the bigger towns offer amazing opportunities when it comes to youth clubs as well as cultural events like cinema, theatre and concerts.

## HOST FAMILY

Traditionally, Norwegian families are not known to be actively religious but many Norwegian families go to church on holidays. In their everyday life, people are busy with work, school and activities. Most families have dinner together every day, and parents try to spend as much time as possible with their children. Most Norwegian children are taught to be independent and are encouraged to make their own decisions from an early age.

## SPORTS

Sporting activities take place after school, in the local community, and will have to be arranged by the student and the host family whilst in the host country. Norwegians like to consider themselves very active people that love to be outdoors. Skiing is a very popular weekend-activity in the winter, while hiking, boating and swimming take up a lot of people's time in the summer. Soccer is a big sport amongst both boys and girls and handball is also very popular in many Norwegian communities.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All exchange students to Norway are invited to participate in several excursions during the year. The excursions give students opportunities to make friends from all over the world while experiencing new and exciting parts of the Nordic countries.