

## NORWAY TIME LINE

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- 700-800 Viking Age began
- 850-870 Viking King Harald Fairhair united Norway into one kingdom
- 1000 Leif Erikson discovered North America; King Olav I sent mission to Christianize Iceland; Battle of Swold occurred, Norwegians annihilated, King Olav died
- 1015 King Olav II Haraldsson declared himself King of Norway after returning from war with the Danes. Over time, he converted his people to Christianity
- 1028 King Olav II forced to flee Norway by Canute, King of England and Denmark; Canute the Great became King of Norway
- 1030 King Olav II killed at battle of Stiklestad
- 1031 Olav II named patron saint
- 1035 King Canute died
- 1045-1065 King Harald Hardrada fought many battles and extended wars with the Danes
- 1066 King Harald Hardrada invaded England with 300 ships and thousands of men. Battle of Stamford Bridge was a disaster; King Hardrada was killed in battle. Norwegian losses were considerable and less than 25 ships returned to Norway
- 1070 City of Bergen founded
- 1261 Greenland and Iceland formed union with Norway
- 1262 Iceland accepted rule of Norway
- 1347-1349 Black Plague struck Norway, estimated 50% plus population died
- 1397 Denmark, Sweden, Norway united under one monarch with Union of Kalmar
- 1520 Christian II, rule of Kalmar Union, executed 82 people opposed to Scandinavian union
- 1523 Christian II exiled after civil war in Denmark; Frederick I became king of Denmark and Norway
- 1537 Christian III established Evangelical-Lutheran official religion of Norway and Denmark
- 1570 Sweden gave up claim to Norway
- 1660 Peace of Copenhagen established boundaries of Denmark, Sweden, Norway
- 1814 Norway's Constitution signed; Denmark ceded Norway to Sweden by Treaty of Kiel
- 1825 First organized immigrants left Norway for America
- 1884 Parliamentary system established
- 1903 Norwegian explorer, Roald Admundsen, searched for Northwest Passage
- 1905 Norwegian parliament, the Storting, proclaimed independence from Sweden; Prince Charles of Denmark crowned King Haakon VII
- 1911 Explorer Roald Amundsen reached South Pole
- 1914 Norway declared neutrality at outbreak of WW I; merchant fleet sustained great losses
- 1915 Germans torpedoed Norwegian ship *Regin*
- 1918 Women gained right to vote
- 1920 Norway granted Russia mining right at Spitsbergen in Svalbard Islands; Norway joined League of Nations
- 1924 Norway's claim on Greenland ended, Denmark gained control
- 1929-1937 Norway ruled by labor government
- 1939 WW II began; Norway remained neutral
- 1940 German forces invaded Norway, attacked ports; Royal family and government fled to Britain to set up government-in-exile; Vidkun Quisling named himself head of Norway government
- 1941 Martial law introduced
- 1942-1943 767 Jews deported to Auschwitz; over 1,100 Jews fled to Sweden
- 1945 German forces in Norway surrendered; Royal Family returned; Quisling tried and executed for treason; Norway joined United Nations