

Northern Europe

A map of Europe with the northern region highlighted in green. The highlighted area includes Iceland, the British Isles, Scandinavia (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland), and the Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania). The rest of Europe is shown in a light grey color.

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Iceland

Norway

Finland

Sweden

Denmark

Denmark (facts)

- Parliamentary democracy & Constitutional monarchy
 - Queen Margrethe II
 - Anders Fogh Rasmussen
- Capital: Copenhagen
- Area: 43,098.31 km²
- Population: 5,505,995
- Currency: Danish krone (DKK)
- Part of EU since 1973



Denmark (culture)

- Hans Christian Andersen
 - The Little Mermaid
 - The Ugly Duckling
- Dogme95
- Lars Ulrich from Metallica
- Frikadeller (fried meatballs)



Finland (facts)

- Semi-presidential republic
 - Tarja Halonen
 - Matti Vanhanen
- Capital: Helsinki
- Area: 338,145 km²
- Population: 5,324,956
- Currency: Euro
- Part of EU since 1995



Finland (culture)

- Industrial design & architecture
- Mika Waltari
 - The Egyptian
- Music
 - Folk – Värttinä
 - Pop – Bomfunk MCs
 - Rock & Metal – Lordi, Nighwish, HIM, ...
- IT: First cell phones, Linus Torvalds
- Hockey



Iceland (facts)

- Parliamentary republic
 - Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
 - Geir Haarde
- Capital: Reykjavík
- Area: 103,000 km²
- Population: 320,169
- Currency: Icelandic króna (ISK)
- Not in EU, but part of NATO



Iceland (culture)

- Beautiful nature
 - Geysers, waterfalls, glaciers, ...
 - Renewable energy
- Music: Björk, Sigur Rós



Norway (facts)

- Parliamentary democracy under constitutional monarchy
 - Harald V
 - Jens Stoltenberg
- Capital: Oslo
- Area: 385,252 km²
- Population: 4,785,200
- Currency: Norwegian krone (NOK)
- Not in EU, but part of NATO



Norway (culture)

- Literature
 - Henrik Ibsen (1828–1906) – Peer Gynt
- Leader in offshore petroleum technology
- First non-English speaking country on the net



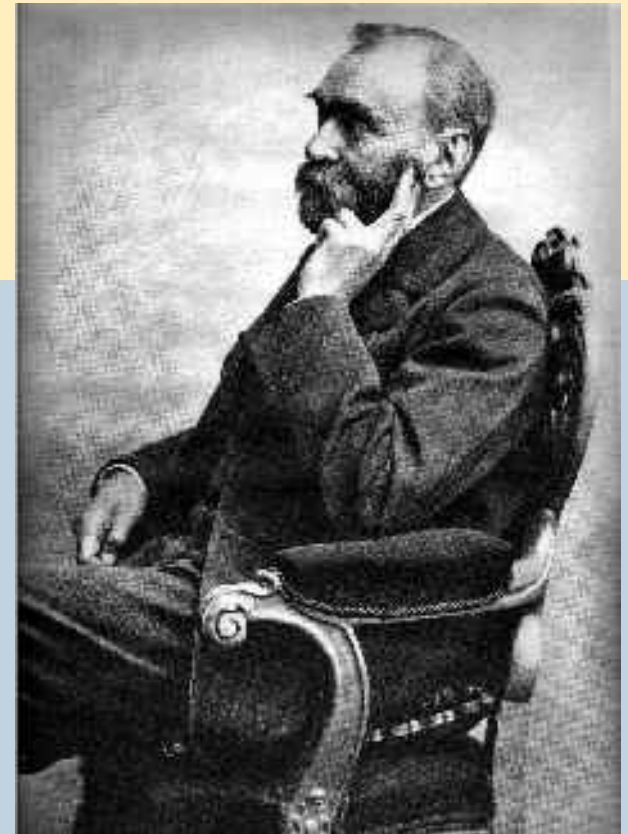
Sweden (facts)

- Parliamentary democracy under constitutional monarchy
 - King Carl XVI Gustaf
 - Fredrik Reinfeldt
- Capital: Stockholm
- Area: 449,964 km²
- Population: 9,234,209
- Currency: Swedish krona (SEK)
- Part of EU since 1995



Sweden (culture)

- Alfred Nobel
- 1960 and 1970 – “sexual revolution”
 - Gender equality
- Pop
 - ABBA, Roxette, Ace of Base, ...
- Metal
 - In Flames, HammerFall, ...





Sources

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