

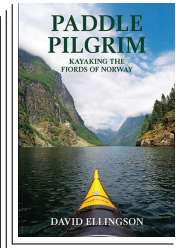


**Accolades for Seattle's Nordic Museum**

In a ceremony on April 25, the Nordic Museum revealed its new designation as the National Nordic Museum, which was created in an effort to help the museum build stronger bonds between the United States and Nordic regions. Nordic immigrants founded the museum in a schoolhouse in 1979, and last year it moved into a beautiful 57,000-square-foot space overlooking Salmon Bay on Market Street in Seattle's Ballard neighborhood. It's the only museum in the United States that focuses on immigrants from all five Nordic countries. [nordicmuseum.org](http://nordicmuseum.org)



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**Paddle Adventures**

David Ellingson was on a mission to learn more about his Norwegian roots. He set out in his kayak for a month-long adventure paddling on Norway's Sognefjord and Hardangerfjord. Along the way, Ellingson discovered his family's heritage by exploring the towns where his ancestors lived before emigrating to America in the 1850s. Ellingson shares his adventures in his book "Paddle Pilgrim: Kayaking the Fjords of Norway" and through his documentary "Coming Home." [dellingson.com](http://dellingson.com)

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Oct. 5, New Berlin, Wis.  
**Scandinavian Festival**  
 The Nordic Council of Wisconsin hosts its 29th annual indoor extravaganza of Scandinavian traditions. Stop by for authentic food, rock painting, rosemaling, dancing and language lessons. [nordiccouncil.com](http://nordiccouncil.com)

Oct. 11–13, Seattle, Wash.  
**Nordic Knitting Conference**  
 The National Nordic Museum brings together knitters, artisans, vendors and more for three days of demonstrations and talks. Local and international knitting experts will teach courses. [nordicmuseum.org](http://nordicmuseum.org)



Oct. 16–20, New York City, N.Y.  
**Nordic International Film Festival**  
 Filmmakers and movie buffs will gather at the largest Nordic film festival outside Europe. NIFF links the Nordic region and the international film community with multiple categories of competition, all of which are full of diverse and thought-provoking films. [nordicfilmfest.org](http://nordicfilmfest.org)

Oct. 17–20, Lillehammer, Norway  
**Dolajazz**  
 Discover Norway's top jazz talents and international musicians at Lillehammer's annual jazz festival. This year's celebration will showcase multiple concerts, a street parade and a gallery exhibition. [dolajazz.no](http://dolajazz.no)



**United with UNICEF**  
 Over the next three years, Norway will donate \$150 million to UNICEF to ensure education, protection and health services to some of the world's most underprivileged children. Norway is one of the organization's top five government partners, and has been helping children around the world since The Norwegian Committee for UNICEF was established in 1954. The committee has championed campaigns and programs such as "You Can Be the One" to inspire adults to be actively responsible for children, as well as other various nationwide activities. [unicef.org](http://unicef.org)



**NORWAY'S NEW INVESTMENT IN OCEAN RESEARCH**  
 Underwater robots aren't just found in sci-fi movies anymore. Ocean Space Centre—the name of Norway's plan to invest 6 billion NOK (nearly \$700 million USD) in ocean research labs—will test autonomous vessels and underwater robots at a new fjord laboratory in Trondheim. Another lab in Hitra-Froya will focus on food, fish farming, the environment and aquaculture, while a lab in Ålesund will test maritime vessels and sea transport. Two new test basins will also be built at the Tyholt Marine Technology Centre in Trondheim as part of the project. The labs are projected to be completed by 2025, and will be accessible to research communities and students at Norwegian universities. [oceanspacecentre.no](http://oceanspacecentre.no)



The seas within Norway's maritime borders are around seven times larger in area than the country's land territory.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Most Popular Dog Breeds in Norway**

Nearly 28,000 new pet dogs were registered in Norway last year. The loyal and courageous German shepherd took first place. Here are the top 10 dog breeds in Norway.



1. German shepherd, short-haired
2. Border collie
3. Gray Norwegian elkhound
4. Golden retriever
5. English setter
6. Cavalier King Charles spaniel
7. Labrador retriever
8. Gordon setter
9. Staffordshire bull terrier
10. Cocker spaniel