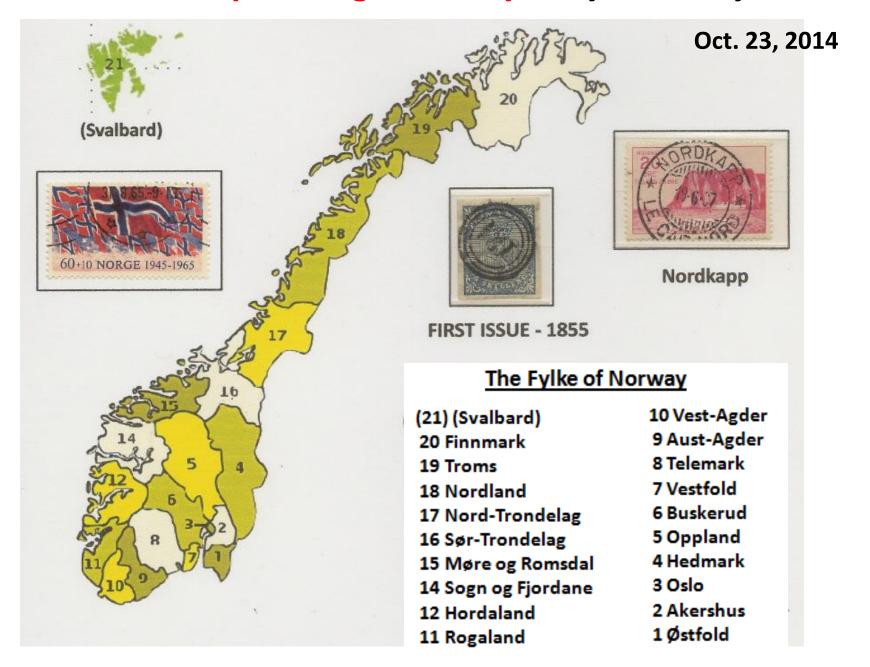
A Philatelic Trip Through Norway by Fred Haynes



Is it Norge or Noreg?

Two 21st century stamps depicting lighthouses

2005: **Norge** stamp of Tranøy lighthouse in Hamarøy in Nordland Fylke

2007: **Noreg** stamp of Ona lighthouse in Romsdal in Møre og Romsdsal Fylke.





Is it Norge or Noreg?

There are two official Norwegian languages. Bokmål is the written language of >80% of Norwegians, however 27 municipalities (12% of population) have declared Nynorsk as their official language. In Bokmål the country is Norge, in Nynorsk it is Noreg. The postal service has recognized both languages on the nation's stamps.



Municipalities in Norway

There are currently 430 municipalities in the 19 Norwegian fylke. In the mid 20th century there were as many as 744 distinct municipalities, but by 2006 this number had been pared by consolidations and mergers, primarily of rural locations.

Each muncipality has an administrative center that is also a postal center, but most municipalities are also comprised of separate villages which are also postal centers. All postal centers are assigned a four digit postal code which often appears in the postmark.





Voss (5700)

Kolsås (1352)



Hospitals, airports, and military bases also have postal codes. This Christmas stamp was postmarked at the hospital in Trondheim, in Sør-Trøndellag fylke.

Postal Codes



The 4-digit postal code is sufficient to identify a postmark.

(6150) – Ørsta, a municipality in Møre og Romsdal



These two stamps were postmarked 5 days apart in the village of Ørnes in October of 1981. Ørnes is in the municipality of Meløy in Nordland. The postal code of 8150 is missing in both.







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Kautokeino costume 1989 NORDEN issue



Lappland handicraft

Finnmark outpost

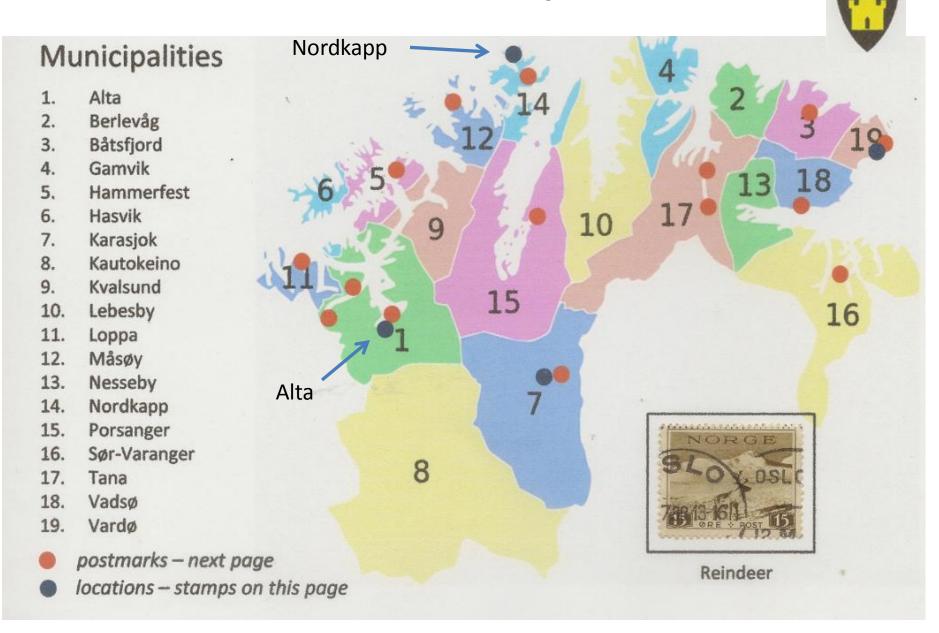


Vardø 200 years

Population (2013) -74,534 Area (km2) -48,631 # of Municipalities -19 Admin. Center -Vadsø



Finnmark Municipalities



NORDKAPP



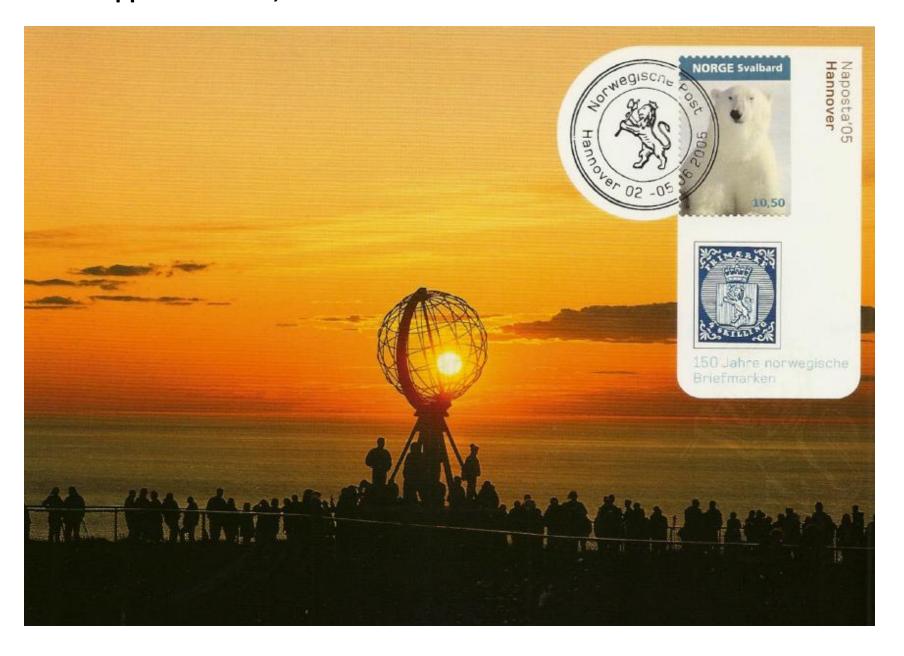


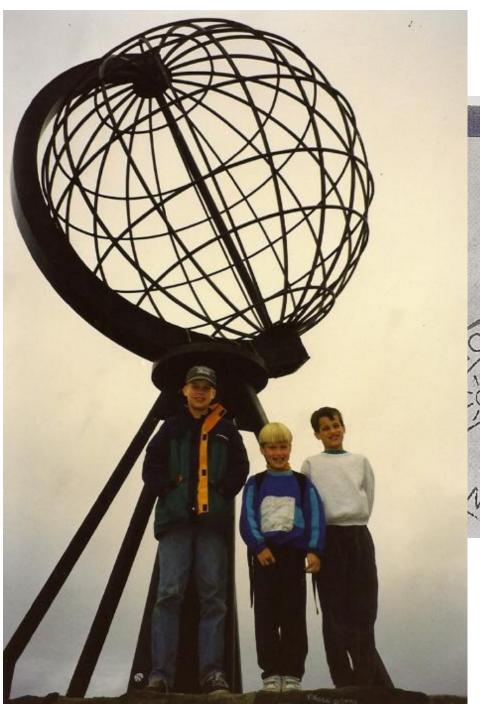
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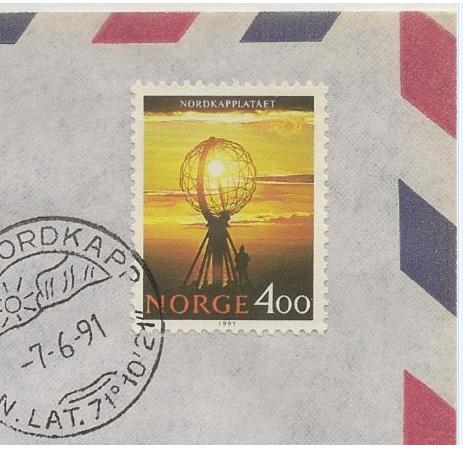


Nordkapp Monument, but issued to commemorate Svalbard issue of 2005





NORDKAPP



July 3, 1999 in Nordkapp



Hurtigruten
"I was there"
souvernoir
envelope

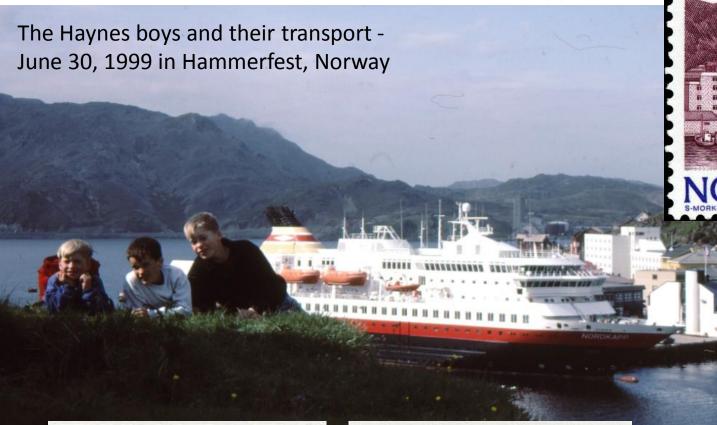
Scott #1042 (1983) 100 years

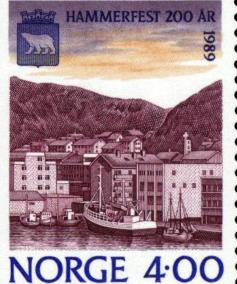




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Hammerfest in Finnmark and the Hurtigruten Criuse Ship



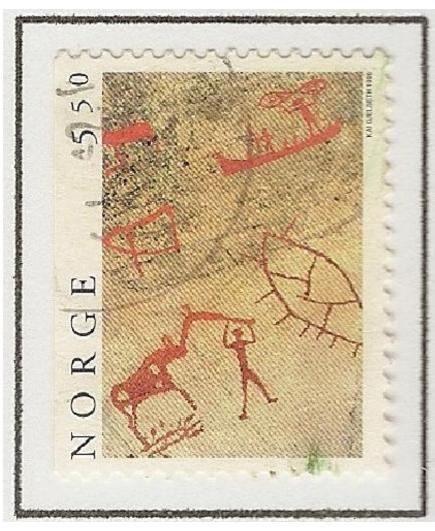


Scott #939 (1989)





Alta Rock Carvings (Petroglyphs)



Scott #1121 (April, 1996)

Discovered under lichen and moss in 1972, the rock carvings in Alta Norway date from 4200 B.C. to 500 B.C. Over 6000 have been discovered and exposed for study and viewing. Many have been painted red to permit the detail to be visualized at this UNESCO World Heritage site in northern Norway.

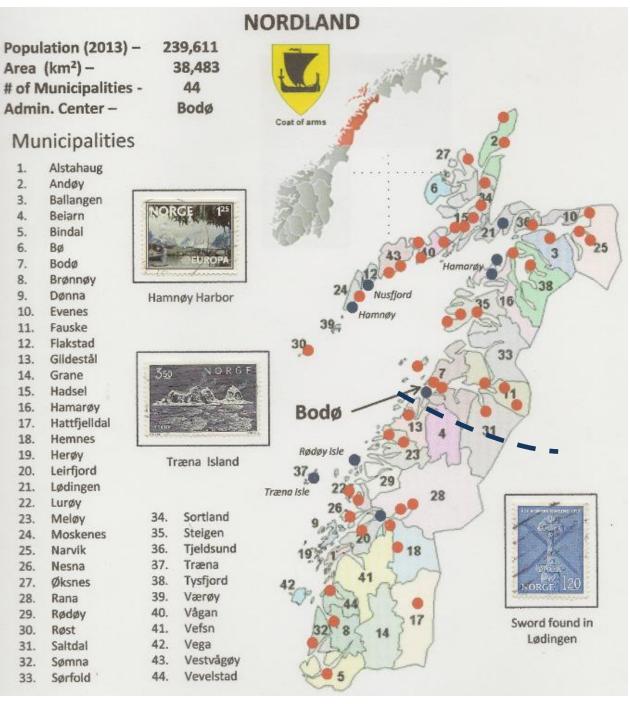


Scott #430 (1963)

Alta Rock Carvings (Petroglyphs)



Fred Haynes photo in July, 1999

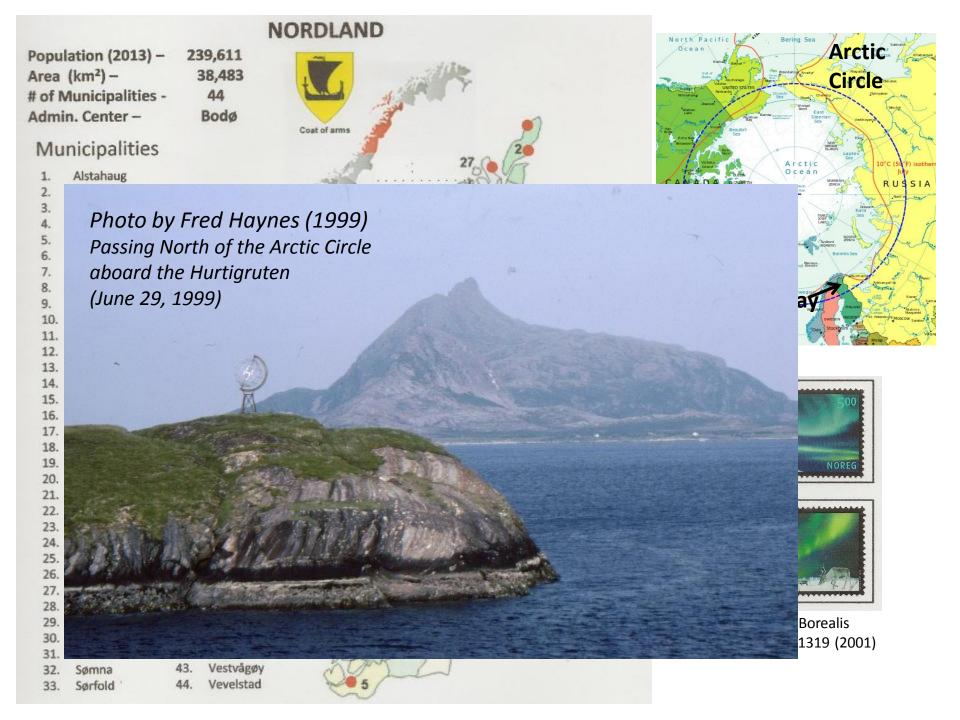


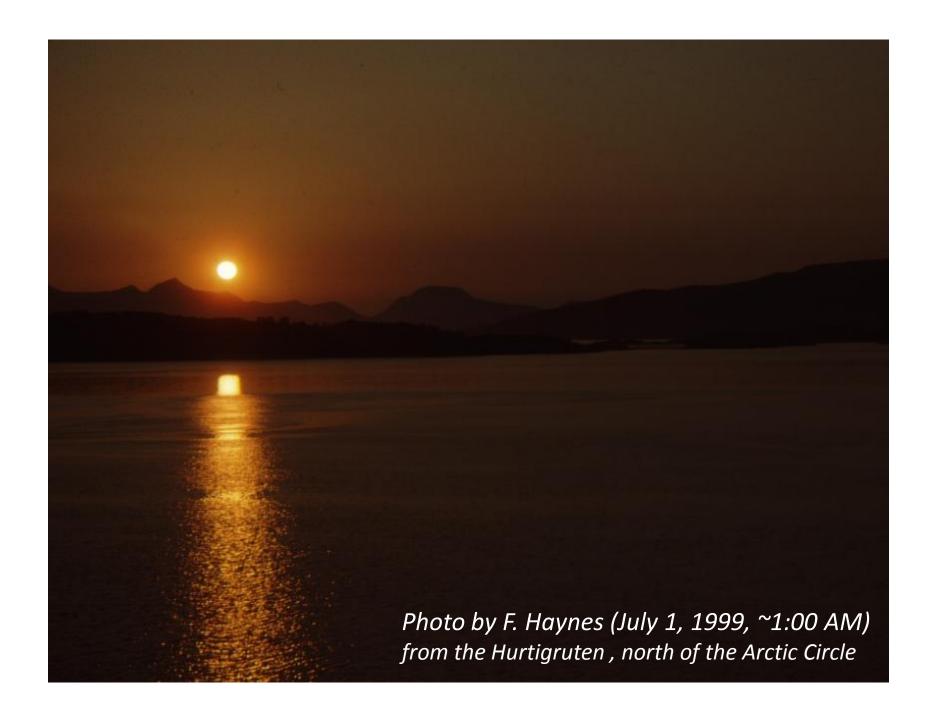






Aurora Borealis Scott 1318-1319 (2001)





The Mining Town of Røros, Sør-Trondelag flyke was honored with this 1998 issue and FDC with commerorative coin



Alesund is a gorgeous coastal and island community in Møre og Romsdal fylke.



Port City of Ålesund



1986: Sister Town in NORDEN series

Fishermen



Not my picture!

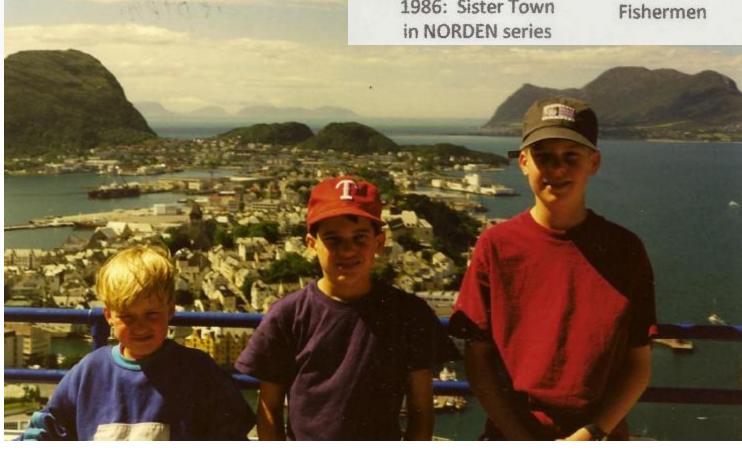
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Port City of Ålesund



Photo by F. Haynes (1999)



Borgrund Stave Church in Ålesund (built between 1180 and 1250 AD)

Scott #185 (1939)

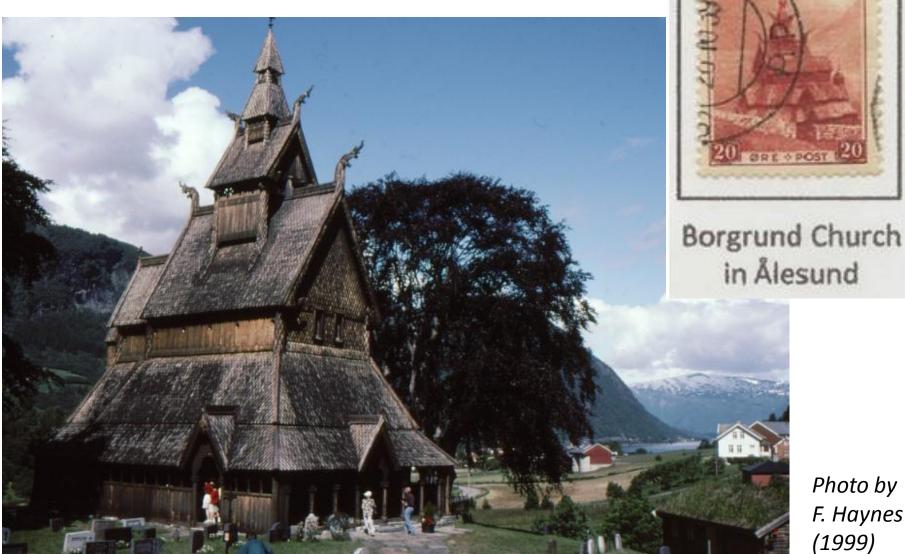


Photo by F. Haynes (1999)



Bergen is in Hordaland fylke

Population (2013) – 497,135 Area (km²) – 15,438 # of Municipalities - 33 Admin. Center – Bergen





Rosenkrantz Tower in Bergen









Postens filatelitjeneste
Postboks 1085 Sentrum

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Bergen celebrates its 900th Anniversary in 1970

Vøringfossen, in Eidfjord and Hordaland Flyke



Photo by F. Haynes, 1998



Scott #553 (April 10, 1970)

Just the 83rd highest waterfall in Norway, but one of the most pictureresque

Trains of Norway



Scott 765b (1980)



Vintage photo of narrow gauge steam locomotive at Koppang station on the Røros line between Hamar and Trondheim



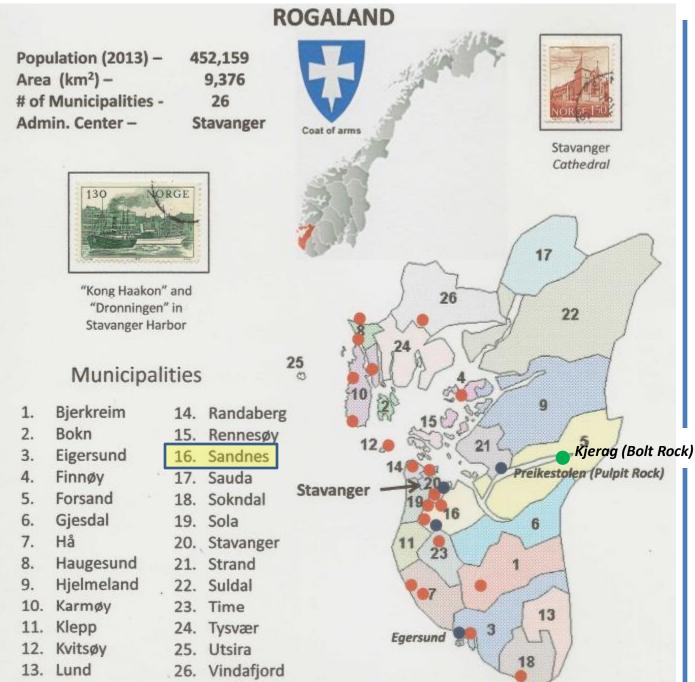






Urskog-Høland Railway 100th Anniversary in 1996

1979 photo of diesel locomotive at Flatmark station on the Rauma line







I lived in Lura, a village within the municipality of Sandnes



Postmuseet

Kirkegata 20, Oslo



Apningstider: Mandag til fredag 10.00-17.00 Lørdag 10.00-14.00 Søndag 12.00-16.00 Gratis adgang









The posthorn is a valveless

cylindrical brass or copper instrument with cupped mouthpiece used in the 18th and 19th century to signal the arrival of a post rider or mail coach. Posthorns such as those on display at the Norwegian Postal Museum (see postcard to left) acted as a siren, the sound travelling some distance ahead to warn of an approaching mail coach. Once alerted, folks would gather at the town's post site to collect their mail and to post outgoing mail.









Priekstolen (The Pulpit Rock), Lysefjorden, Rogaland, Norway





Preikestolen is a favorite hiking site about an hour from Stavanger. The 25m by 25m flat topped cliff is a 3.8km hike from Preikestolen Mountain Lodge (see stamp on lower envelope). Once on top, it is 604m (1982 feet) straight down to Lysefjorden on 3 sides.

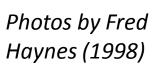




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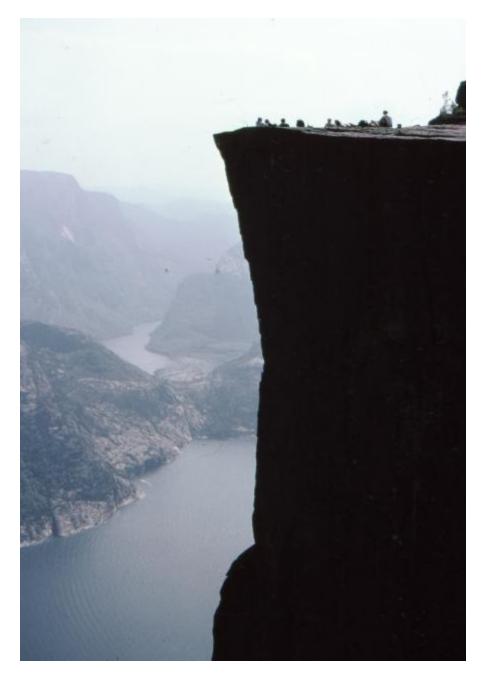










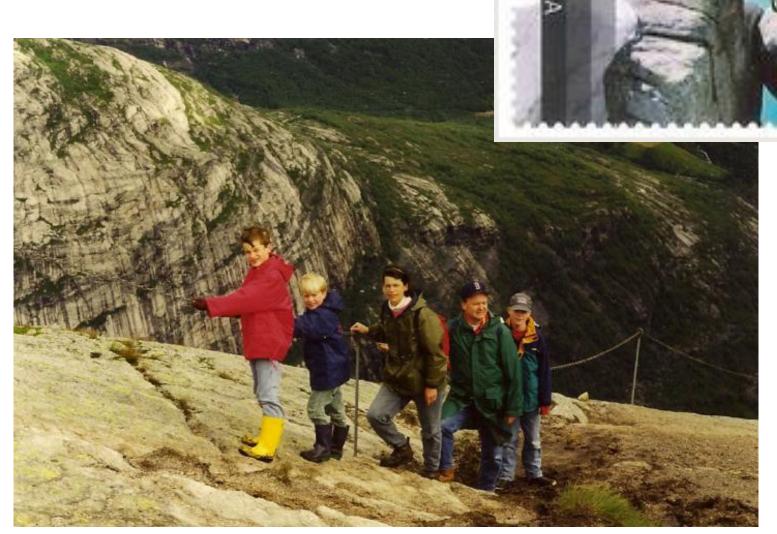




Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock) as approaching on the trail

Photo by Fred Haynes (1998)

Kjerag ("Bolt Rock") – 900m above Lysefjord and a 15 km round trip hike along the fjord ridge.



Scott #1545 (2008)

Yes, we made it (July, 1999)

Norsk Oljemuseum (Norway Oil Museum) opens May 20, 1999 in Stavanger



1997 Stamp and Envelope depict the Ocean Viking Drillship operating for Phillips Petroleum in the Ekofisk Field in the Norwegian North Sea. The commemorative envelope on this page and both on the next page commemorate the opening of the Norsk Oljemuseum in Stavanger, Rogaland, Norway in May of 1999.



Statfjord Field, declared economic in 1974, first production in 1979







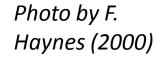
At 462m, the Troll Platform it the tallest structure that has ever been moved to another position. This commemorative cover depicts the platform being towed to location in 1966.

Lindesnes lighthouse in Vest Auger Flyke

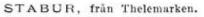
First built in 1655



Scott #724 (1983)











Norwegian stabbur in Telemark Fylke

Scott #721 (1983)



STABUR, från Thelemarken.



Norwegian stabbur in Telemark County

Scott #721 (1983)

Stabbur (or stabur) translates to storehouse and was used to store foods and other items off the ground and protected from rats and other pests.

Some were built simply, others like this one, quite ornate.

Stabbur now in the Norwegian Folke Museum in Oslo



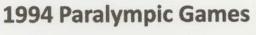
Lillehammer is in Oppland Flykke











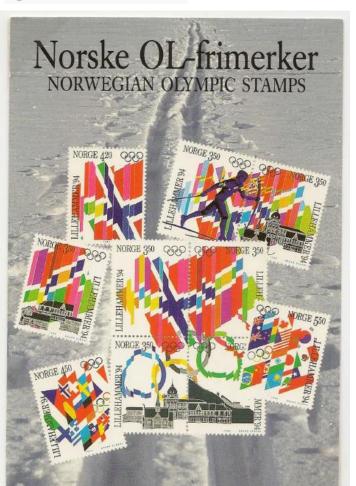














HEDMARK – Birthplace of Edvard Munch















Upper left - Self-portrait Lower Left - "Loneliness" Upper Right - "Fertility" Lower Right - "Girls on Bridge" In 1994, Edvard Munch's painting "The Scream" was stolen from the National Gallery in Oslo, and held for ransom. It was recovered later in the year.

In 1998, the famous painting was featured on this postal card.

Population (2013) – 623,966 Area (km²) – 454 # of Boroughs - 16 Admin. Center – City of Oslo

The city of Olso is divided into boroughs instead of municipalities. After a reorganziation in 2004, there are now 15 boroughs in addition to Sentrum Oslo (Olso center). Within these boroughs are train stations and neighborhoods, many of which have (or had) recognized postal centers.

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Oslo harbor



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OSLO



Oslo in the 1850's: paper mill and textile factory along the Aker River

Boroughs

- 1. Alna
- 2. Bjerke
- 3. Frogner
- 4. Gamle Oslo
- 5. Gorud
- 6. Grunerløkka
- Nordre Aker
- 8. Nordstrand
- 9. Sagene
- 10. St. Hanshaugen
- 11. Stovner
- 12. Søndre Nordstrand
- 13. Ullern
- 14. Vestre Aker
- 15. Østensjø

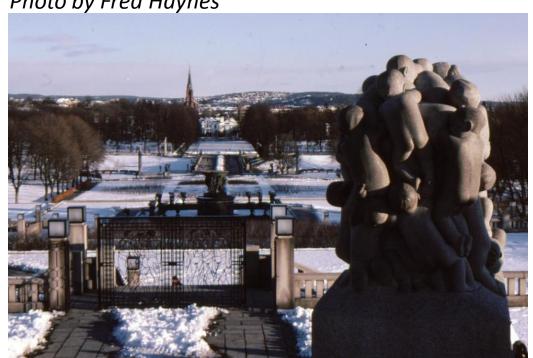


Oslo Attractions



Norway's Royal Palace Scott #1207 (1998)

Photo by Fred Haynes



Sculpture by Gustav Vigeland now in Vigeland Park



Mother and Chilld



Man, Woman, and Child



Fountain in Vigeland Park

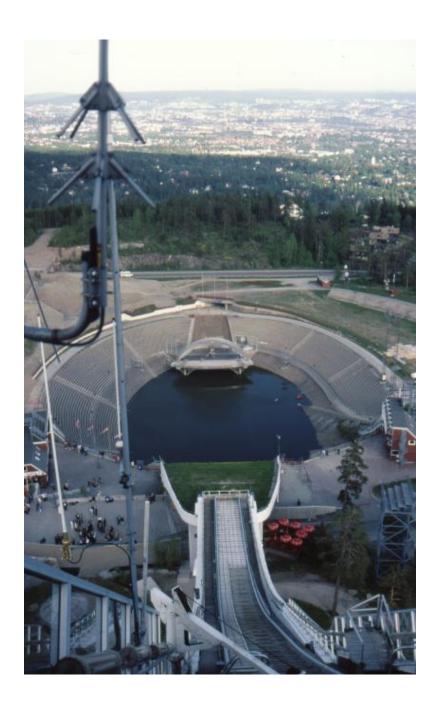
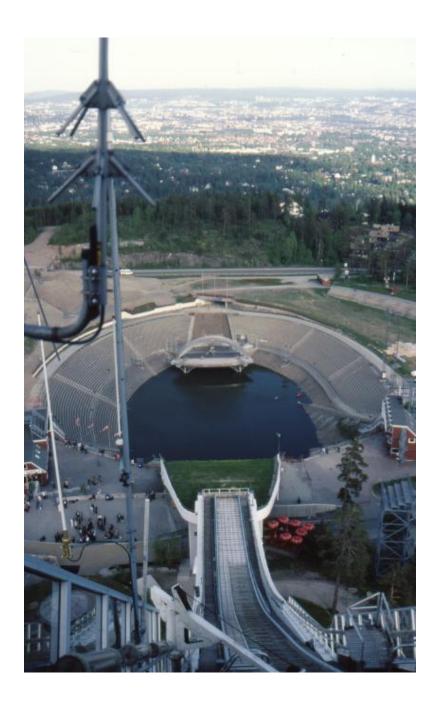
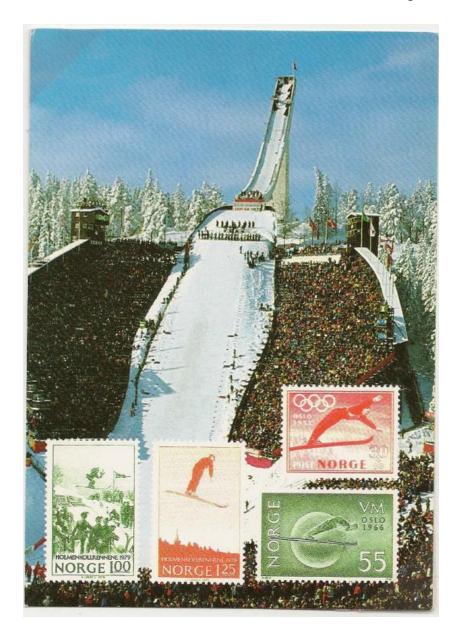




Photo by Fred Haynes



Holmenkollen, Oslo, Norway





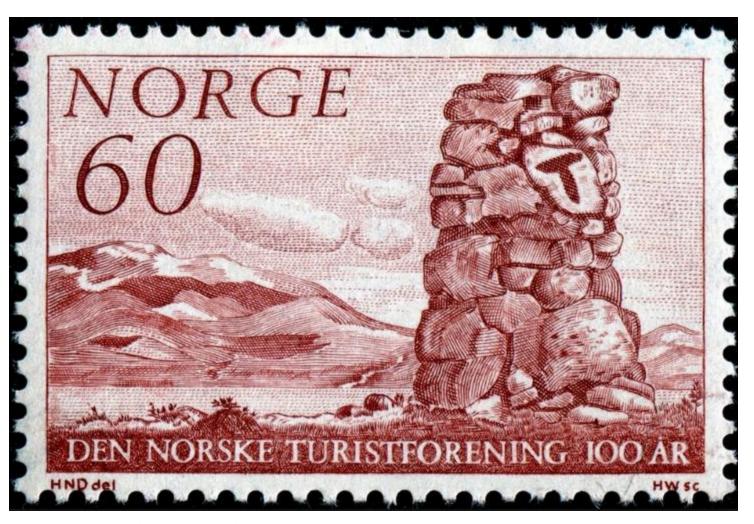






The World Ski Jump Championships were held at the Holmenkollen in 1930, 1966, 1982, and 2011. The venue hosted the Winter Olympics in 1952.

The Cairns of Norway



Scott #511 (Jan, 1998)



Fred Haynes photo along the road from Sinnes to Lysebotn in West Agder fylke.





Somewhere north of the Arctic Circle, summer of 1999.

NORWAY: Steeped with History and Scenic Beauty







