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## Trondheim



More than a thousand years has passed since the Viking king Olav Tryggvason sailed into the fjord (997 a.d.) and decided to establish the first capital in Norway along the river Nid. The ancient name of the city was Nidaros. From the top of his statue at the Main Square (Torvet) he overlooks the ancient town.

King Olav Haraldsson, later known as St. Olav, the Holy King and the Patron Saint of Norway, fell at the Battle of Stiklestad in 1030, and was buried in Nidaros. Pilgrimages to the shrine of St. Olav started soon after his death and grew to great dimensions in the middle ages, bringing lively traffic and a stream of impulses from other parts of the world. Work began on what was to become the Nidaros Cathedral in 1070 - a church that is built over the grave of St. Olav. The church has been destroyed several times by fire, but has always been rebuilt. Trondheim is still the ecclesiastical centre in Norway.

Through all centuries Trondheim has had impulses from other countries. In the 17th and 18th centuries a lot of immigrants from Germany settled here as merchants. German and French were spoken by the middle- and upper class in daily life. Fish, timber, copper and ore were the biggest export articles.

Even today Trondheim is an international city with the Norwegian University of Technology and Science. Trondheim is regarded as the High-Tech capital. Here are students from all over the world which makes Trondheim an open and welcoming city.

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