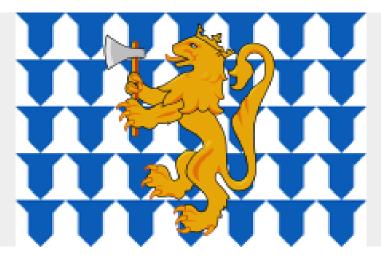
## **SVALBARD**

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Svalbard is a country in <u>Europe</u>. It shares borders with <u>Norway</u>. The people of Svalbard are called Norwegians. The country is situated in Northern Europe, with islands between the Arctic Ocean, Barents Sea, Greenland Sea, and the Norwegian Sea, north of Norway.

Etymology discusses where a term is considered to have originated from and how its meaning has changed over time. Etymology has been a factor in the naming of countries all across the world, and Svalbard has also been influenced. The etymology of Svalbard can be defined as; The name Svalbard is composed of the well-attested Old Norse words svalr ('cold') and barð ('edge', 'ridge', 'turf', 'beard').

An ethnicity is a group or sub-group of people who are connected based on common characteristics which may include religion, origin, language, traditions, or culture. The ethnic group in Svalbard is Norwegian.

Scandinavian Airlines is the national airline of Svalbard. The national colors of the country are red. The emoji flag of the country is ???????, and the ISO code is SJNO-21.

Svalbard is known for the population of polar bears that exceeds the human population. The country has an estimated polar bear population of 3000. The national dish of Svalbard is Lapskois. Akevitt, in addition to being a traditional beverage, is one of the country's national drinks. The national instrument of Svalbard is Hardingfele Hardanger.

The country has the time zone UTC+01:00 (CET) followed by dd.mm.yyyy as the standard date format.

Svalbard is divided into 9. The capital of the country is Longyearbyen, which is also the largest city in Svalbard.

The literacy rate in Svalbard is 100%.

The country's total area is 61,022 km<sup>2</sup> (23,561 sq mi), and the total population is 2,939. The country's average elevation is 450 m (1,476 ft), whereas the country's terrain can be defined as; Wild, rugged mountains; much of high land ice covered; the west coast clear of ice about one-half of the year; fjords along the west and north coasts. The country's usual climate is arctic, tempered by the warm North Atlantic Current; cool summers, and cold winters; North Atlantic Current flows along the west and north coasts of Spitsbergen, keeping water open and navigable most of the year.

The area of land next to a sea is called the coast, and a coastline is defined as the line where land and sea meet. Svalbard has 3,587 km of coastline.

The Norwegian krone serves as the national unit of currency. The domain for Svalbard is .no.sj. Lion is the country's coat of arms.

Museums are known to educate and connect visitors with the nation's history, culture, civilization,

art, and architecture. Svalbard Museum serves the same purpose and is considered one of the most significant tourist attractions. Svalbard Museum is home to a large collection of artifacts. It has been designated as the national museum of the country.

The national dress of Svalbard is the Bunads, and 9 April is designated as National Day. In Svalbard, the majority of the population practices Christianity as their religion.

Nature is a blessing from God and we must protect it because it provides us with the oxygen and food to survive. It also helps to keep our environment beautiful and clean. To emphasize the significance of nature, Svalbard has selected a few forces of nature as national symbols. Svalbard's national bird is the White-throated dipper, while its national animal is the Polar bear. The national flower is the Svalbard poppy, and the highest peak is Newtontoppen.

Mythical creatures can be found in the literature and mythologies of many different nations. They represent imaginative representations of various creatures, humans, or hybrids. They are known for their specific features, supernatural abilities, and distinctive appearance. The mythical creature of Svalbard is Troll.

Sports have always played an important role in developing the social and cultural structure of Svalbard and other countries. When it comes to designating a sport as the official symbol, Football is considered the country's national sport.

Harald Fairhair is the founder of Svalbard. The country's national anthem was written by Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, and composed by Rikard Nordraak.

Lars Fause (Governor) is the current Prime minister of Svalbard, and Harald V (King) is the President.

Svalbard has declared Norwegian as the country's official language.

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