Norway can give permanent residence after just 3 years

That is quicker than the 5 years EU long-term residence usually takes. Norway is outside the EU but inside the Schengen area.



3

years to permanent residence

Capital	**Oslo**
Languages	**Norwegian, Sami (regional)**
Currency	**Norwegian krone (NOK)**
Population	**5,627,400 (2026)**
Price level 2024 (EU = 100)	**134**
Tax	**39.8% top income tax, 25% VAT**
Years to	**PR 3, citizenship 8**
English (EF index 2025)	**#5 in the world**
Global Peace Index	**#33 (2026)**

★ Capital ● City we cover ● Other city

WAYS TO MOVE

Skilled Worker Residence Permit — **case by case**

Income or funds asked for one person

COST FOR ONE, A MONTH

Oslo — **€2,700**

Our estimate for a comfortable life

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Fårikål

EMERGENCY	PLUGS	EU AND SCHENGEN	WORK-DAY OVERLAP
112	C, F	Not EU, Schengen	2 hours with New York

Visas, costs, taxes and cities for Norway: **livingineurope.net/countries/norway**

Sources: Population, price level and minimum wage: Eurostat. English: EF English Proficiency Index 2025. Peace: Global Peace Index. Visas and tax: official government pages, as listed on each of our guides. Europe-wide comparisons: Tax Foundation 2026 and Eurostat. City costs are our estimates. Dishes: Wikipedia, National dish. Map: Natural Earth. Rules change, so confirm with the immigration office. Checked 7 October 2026.