

SCANDINAVIA

FINLAND



AREA 338,145 sq km
POPULATION 5,259,000
MONEY Euro

THE five countries that make up Scandinavia are rich and successful, yet the people live further north than in almost any other part of the world.

The total population of each of these countries is small, and very few people live in the far north. Most people live in towns and cities, with excellent central heating in their houses and flats.

Farming is difficult this far north because the winters are long and cold. Scandinavia has hardly any minerals except for iron ore in **Sweden** and oil under the North Sea.

The mountains of **Iceland** and **Norway** are high and rugged, making travel difficult. There are large ice-sheets and glaciers in the highest areas of both countries. Iceland has many volcanoes.



▲ **Geiranger fjord, Norway**, is one of many long, narrow inlets of the sea along the Norwegian coast. Glaciers dug these deep, steep valleys. The village is on the flat land at the head of the fjord. The steep mountains mean that the best way to travel is often by boat.

DENMARK



AREA 43,094 sq km
POPULATION 5,530,000
MONEY Danish krone

LEGOLAND MODEL VILLAGE



Lego was invented by a toymaker in Denmark. Legoland Denmark has a model Village near the factory. There are models of famous buildings as well as ordinary houses from different parts of the world.

The photograph shows the model of a typical fishing village in the Lofoten Islands, which are off the northern coast of Norway. The Lego man and his friends can be found in shops all over the world!



NORWAY



AREA 323,877 sq km
POPULATION 4,692,000
MONEY Norwegian krone

▲ **Reindeer in Lapland. Lapland** is the northern part of Norway, Sweden and Finland, where the Lapps (Sami) live. They keep reindeer for their milk, meat and leather, and to pull sledges. They search under the snow for lichen and other food. In winter, it is dark here even at midday, but in summer it is light at midnight.



SWEDEN



AREA 449,964 sq km
POPULATION 9,089,000
MONEY Swedish krona

▲ **Lake Saimaa, Finland**, is one of hundreds of lakes in the southern part of that country. Only the largest are shown on the map. During the Ice Age, ice-sheets scraped hollows in the rock which filled with water after the ice melted. Many families own a summer cottage among the trees beside a lake.

