

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

For Six Month Period Ending Dec. 31, 2012

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.
Innovation Norway 00526
(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
655 Third Ave, Suite 1810
New York, NY 10017

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

- (a) If an individual:
(1) Residence address(es) Yes No
(2) Citizenship Yes No
(3) Occupation Yes No
(b) If an organization:
(1) Name Yes No
(2) Ownership or control Yes No
(3) Branch offices Yes No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

Antonio Raposo

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
- If yes, furnish th following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Innovation Norway (a/k/a Innovasjon Norge)
Akersgata 13
0104 Oslo
Norway

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes No

Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

2 The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

3 The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

4 The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets fourth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Foreign principal: Innovation Norway (a/k/a Innovasjon Norge)

Activities: Provided travel information and services, as well as promotional work. Answered written, telephone and e-mail requests from travel trade and from consumers. Sent travel information to travel agents, tour operators, travel editors and individuals. Produced and distributed travel information materials. Invited American tour operators to attend the Norwegian Travel Workshop in Norway. Published travel information and advertized in travel magazines. Updated websites (www.visitnorway.us and www.goscandinavia.com) with travel information. Visits to Norway to meet with Norwegian suppliers to discuss marketing activities and inform about travel trends in the USA.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
10.07.2012	Innovasjon Norge	General operations and salaries	\$115,000
10.08.2012	Innovasjon Norge	General operations and salaries	\$112,000
10.09.2012	Innovasjon Norge	General operations and salaries	\$129,000
11.10.2012	Innovasjon Norge	General operations and salaries	\$136,000
09.11.2012	Innovasjon Norge	General operations and salaries	\$136,000
12.12.2012	Innovasjon Norge	General operations and salaries	\$137,000
			<u>\$765,000</u>
			Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²
 Yes No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

- (b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?
 Yes No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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 0104 Oslo
 Norway

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts Magazine or newspaper Motion picture films Letters or telegrams
 Advertising campaigns Press releases Pamphlets or other publications Lectures or speeches
 Other (specify) Norway Travel Guide (brochure)

Electronic Communications

- Email
 Website URL(s): www.visitnorway.us
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 Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials Newspapers Libraries
 Legislators Editors Educational institutions
 Government agencies Civic groups or associations Nationality groups
 Other (specify) Travel agents, tour operators, travel magazines

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?
 Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

February 07, 2013

/s/ Hege Vibeke Barnes

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

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If This Brooklyn Kingmaker Is Asking, Saying No Is Risky Option



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A few years ago, **Elliot G. Sander**, the executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority at the time, got a call at home from **Vito J. Lopez**, the assemblyman and Brooklyn Democratic leader. Mr. Lopez wanted his son-in-law, a transit manager named Keith Summa, promoted. Mr. Sander was dubious, and soon after called Mr. Lopez to say it would not happen.

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Mr. Sander later told investigators that Mr. Lopez responded angrily, warning him: "If you see me, you'd better cross over to the other side of the street. If you're driving and you think you see someone in your rear view mirror following you, you'll be right, it'll be me."

A few months later, a fellow Albany lawmaker and Lopez protégé invited Mr. Sander to lunch at an Italian restaurant in Brooklyn. Mr. Lopez was there — he and his lunch

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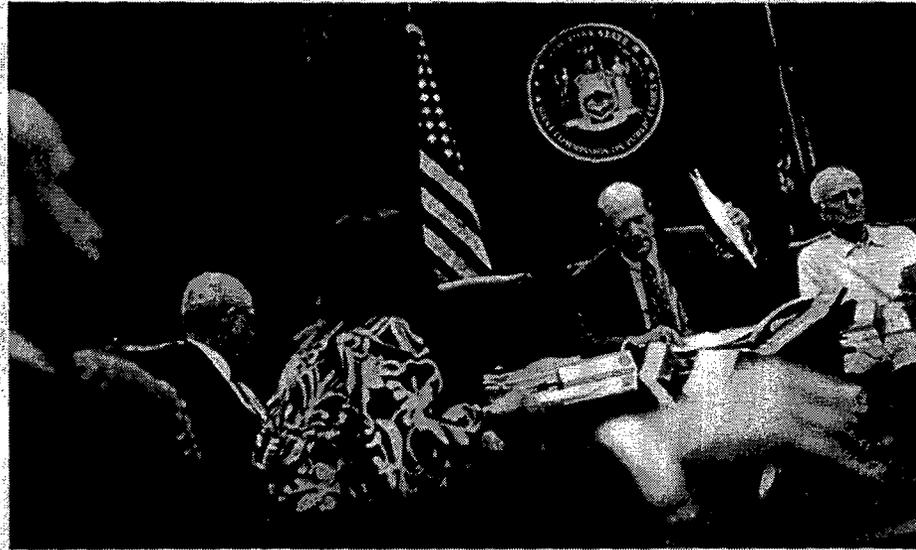
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George H. Weisman, center, and Patrick J. Burgers, right, at a meeting of the state's ethics commission on Tuesday in Albany.

By DANVY HAMM and THOMAS KAPLAN
Published: September 4, 2012

ALBANY — A defiant Assemblyman Vito J. Lopez said Tuesday that he would not resign from the Legislature over multiple sexual harassment allegations, even as elected officials began to debate whether to seek to expel him and the state's ethics commission met to discuss an investigation.

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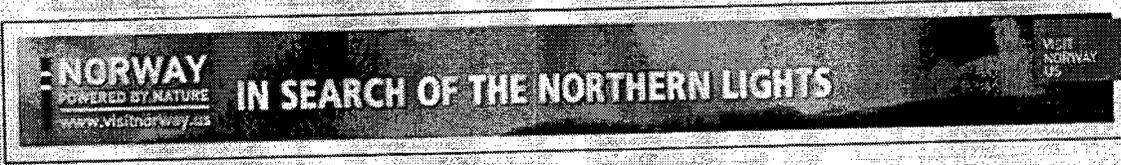
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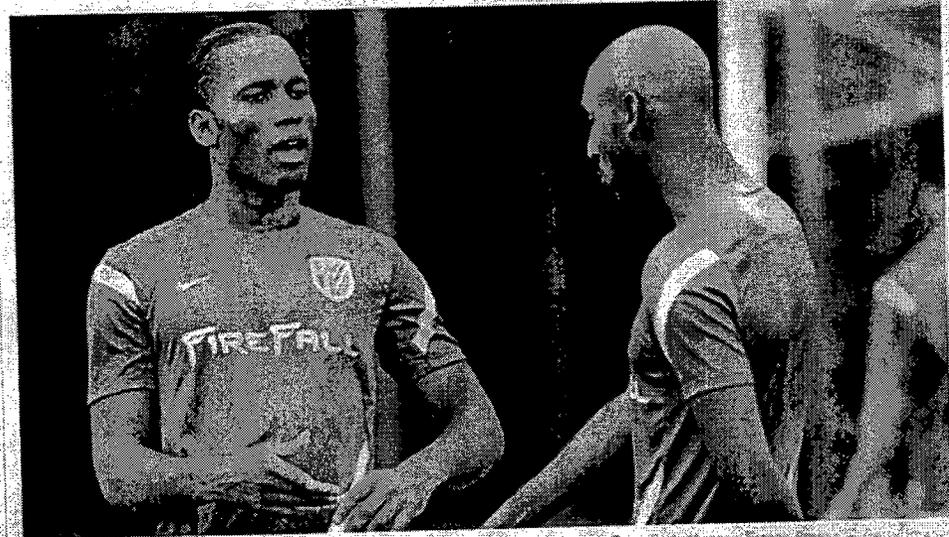
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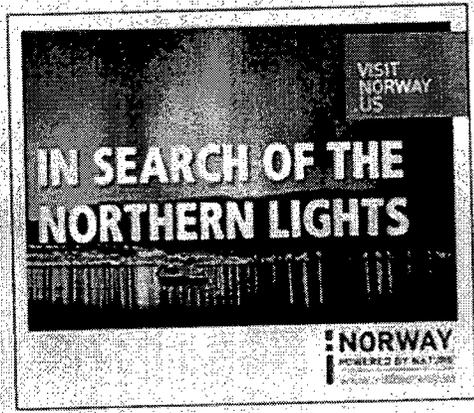
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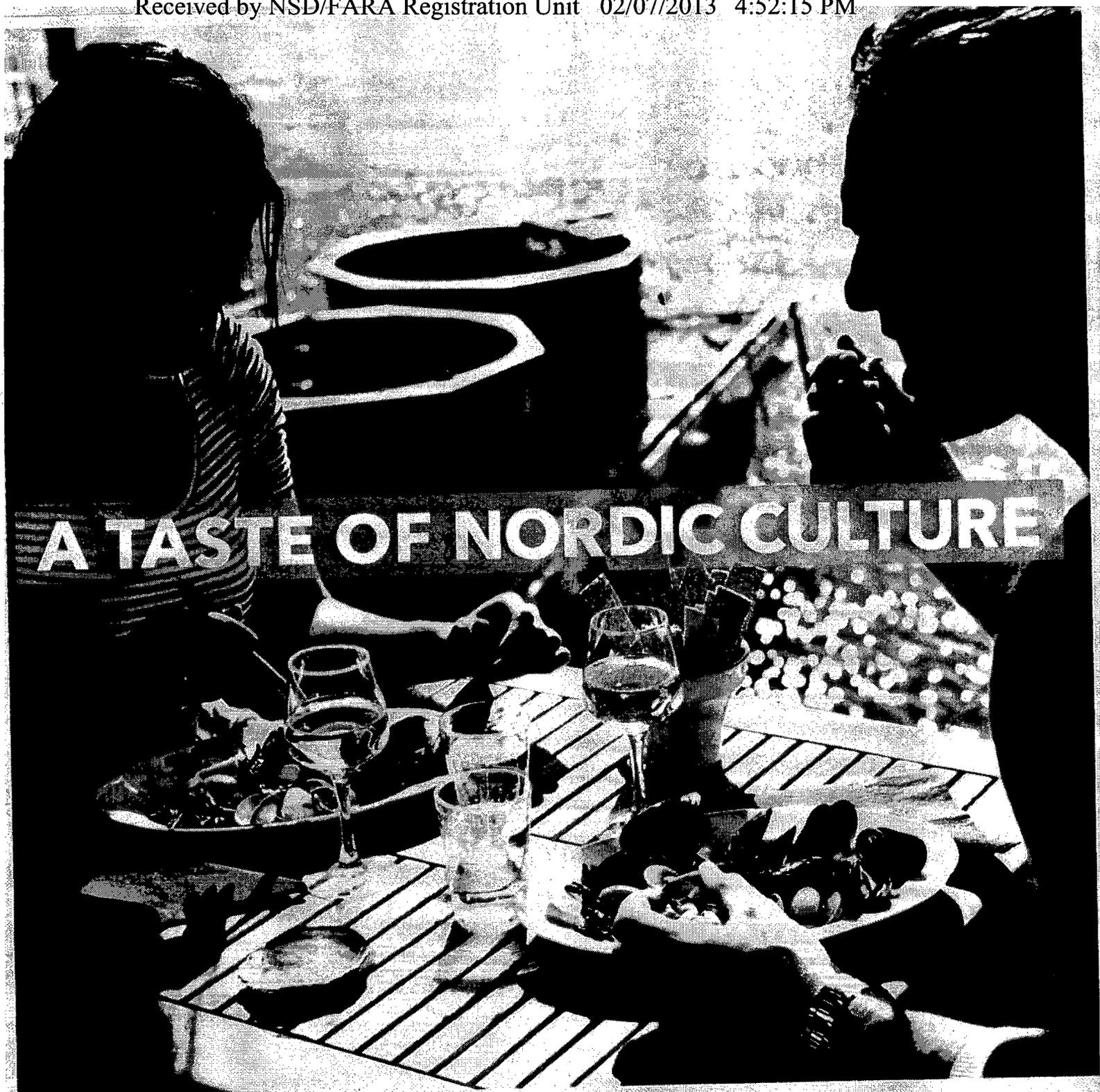
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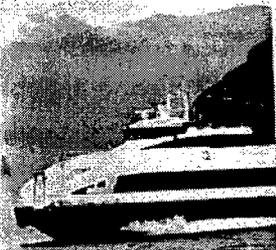


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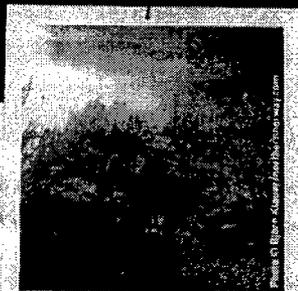
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According to legend stretching back centuries, when the Norse Valkyrior—warrior goddesses—ride forth on their winged horses, strange light flashes from their armor and illuminates the northern skies. Modern science offers a more prosaic explanation having to do with electrically charged particles catapulted from the surface of the sun, but either way, the aurora borealis, or northern lights, are one of nature's great wonders, a truly awesome visual display.

The best time to experience the northern lights is winter, when above the Arctic Circle, nights stretch long into days. Maybe the best place to see the billowing curtains of illuminated color is along the coast of northern Norway, from Lofoten to the North Cape. The northern lights are more commonly seen here than anywhere.

Hurtigruten offers multiple excursions in northern Norway, even in the

winter months, including cruises designed expressly around the northern lights. Open water, far from any man-made light, is one of the most dramatic ways to experience the aurora borealis. December cruises celebrate a traditional Norwegian Christmas on board and New Year's Eve at the North Cape.

There's also plenty of opportunity for birding with large numbers of wintering divers, grebes, ducks and other seabirds scattered along the coast. King eiders and Steller's eiders are northern stalwarts, as are white-billed divers. The Trondheimsfjord is one of northern Europe's prime wintering areas for divers, grebes and ducks. Eiders, velvet scoters, long-tailed ducks, red-breasted mergansers, red-throated divers and Slavonian grebes winter here, awaiting the forthcoming breeding season.

In the Svalbard archipelago, near the North Pole, Norway's—and the planet's

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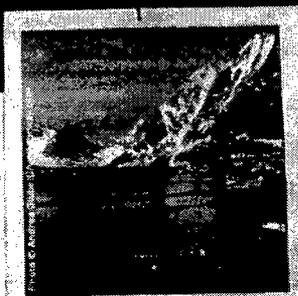
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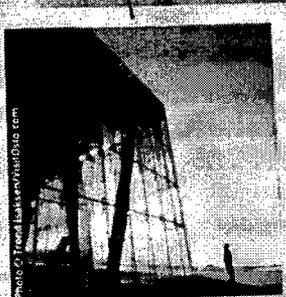
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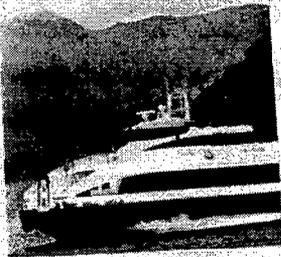
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And, oh my, that's quite an offer. You've never seen anything like Norway—nothing that soars and shines quite like it anywhere under the sun (except, of course, under the midnight sun). Famous for its majestic, silent fjords and the symphonic waterfalls that crash like overtures into them, Norway also has pristine granite cliffs, quiet green vales, and dark, fairy-tale forests. In its cozy hamlets and sleek cities, which blend harmoniously into this deeply revered nature, you can discover fine modern art and architecture and some of the finest food on the planet. (Maaemo, in Oslo, was the first Scandinavian restaurant to receive two Michelin stars upon first review.)

It's hard to know where to begin in so much beauty and freedom, but if you set your compass for Fjord Norway, you're

guaranteed to see the best of the best. Once there, the place to start is the dramatic Pulpit Rock in the Stavanger Region.

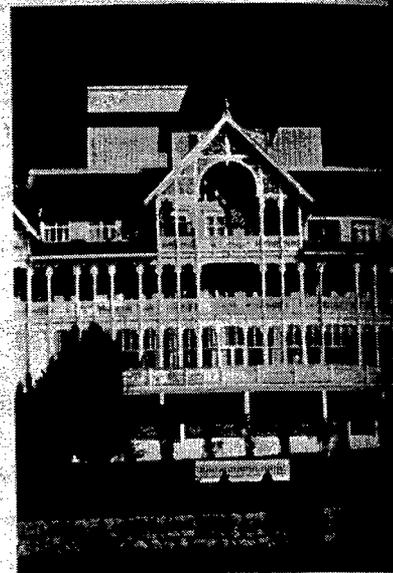
Pulpit Rock is a natural granite platform thrust sharply out from a steep cliff, towering 604 meters above Lysefjord, the "fjord of light." The approach hike (it's remote, which adds to its enchantment.) is almost four kilometers and from the platform you get a heady, breathtaking view of this stunning region, from its silver-tipped mountains that to the deep, primeval waters out of which it rises. You'll get your bearings, a sense of where you want to go next—the Hardangerfjord with its blossoming fruit trees? The endless waters of the Sognefjord?—a sense of what calls you.

Fjord Tours can also help you get your bearings. This company organizes trips such as the "Lysefjorden in a Nutshell" and "Norway in a Nutshell"—that guide you through the most exquisite sights, arranging everything so that you're left only to relax and enjoy. You can also explore the fjords on your own, they're popular with kayakers, and the hiking—high above the dark water—is rewarding and grand. If you're really into ratcheting up the adrenaline, try hiking some of the steepest and most magnificent mountains in Northern Europe.



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Fall and winter might seem like forbidding times to visit the fjordlands but in fact the opposite is true. Though the nights are long, the clean mountain air makes stars you've never seen visible in the heavens. The moon glows off of the snowcapped peaks, tracing with white light the valleys you'll ski come morning. The warm homes in the little villages glow like jewels, smelling of traditional mulled wine and rice pudding. And in the precious daylight



hours, the colorful towns come alive and become joyful. See for yourself: take the Fløibanen Funicular in Bergen up through the brilliant autumn sunlight to the top of Fløyen Mountain. Come back down and visit Bryggen, the old Hanseatic wharf and medieval settlement, which is now designated a Unesco World Heritage Site, and the bustling Bergen fish market.

It's as easy to get to Fjord Norway as it is to enjoy yourself there. Iceland Air offers reasonable flights to four Norwegian gateways: Oslo, Bergen, Stavanger and Trondheim. From there the travel is all about seeing as much of the beautiful countryside as you can: by rail, by boat, by bicycle, or on foot. A new sweepstakes makes it even easier: check out the sweet prizes offered by www.visitnorway.us/fjordnorway!

Whatever you choose to do in Fjord Norway, you'll be right. One thing you can know for sure about a country that says "Come. Walk everywhere. Nothing's off limits. See everything" is that everything—the sharp curves of the Atlantic Road, the glogg at a tiny inn, the indescant pink of a salmon next to your kayak, the indigo water of the Geirangerfjord—you have to be here to believe it.

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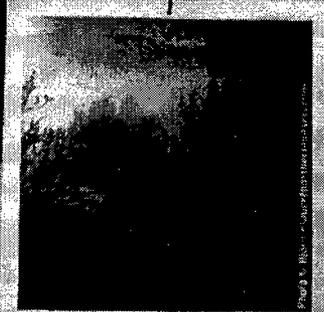
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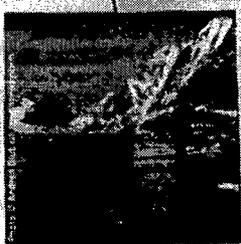


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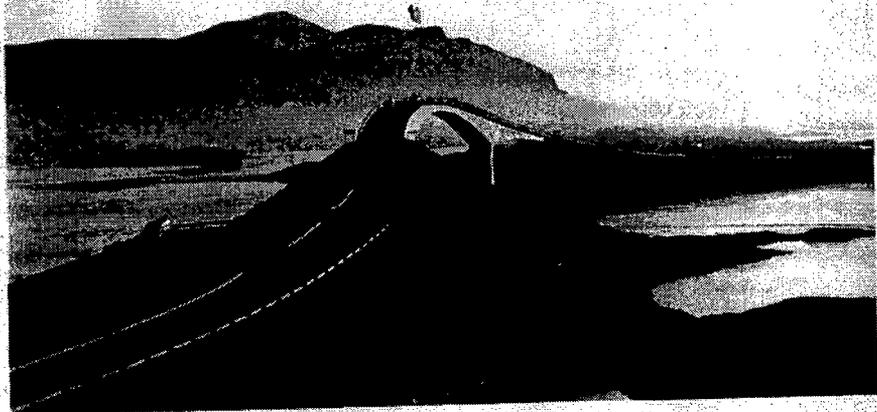
NORWAY'S TOURIST ROUTES—1,150 MILES BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS

Norway would like to make you feel welcome. This isn't unusual: hundreds of cultures are welcoming; countless countries love tourists. But Norway is a little different. Norway has taken the art of welcoming and woven it into the very fabric of its culture.

Norwegians have worked their genuine love of visitors into the geography, art, architecture, food, wilderness, and adventure of their beautiful country: in fact, they built roads—1,150 miles of them, called the Tourist Routes—that are specifically designed to show you some of their wildest and most beautiful places. These 18 winding, rambling arteries take you to secret chasms, remote waterfalls, precipitous bridges, sheer drops into opalescent fjords, old museums, mythical-troll paths, and hidden hiking trails you'd never find on your own.

For example, the Trollstigen road, opened in 1936 and steeped in history, climbs and winds through the lush green valleys and ancient, silent waters of fjord country. The Troll's Ladder makes 11 vertiginous hairpin turns and includes viewing platforms so you can walk out onto the cliffsides and look down at the curling path and the majestic Stigfossen waterfall. The road follows the stunning Geirangerfjord, which was included on Unesco's World Heritage List in 2005.

Or the Aurlandsfjellet. This road takes you to high country, passing over moun-



tains from fjord to fjord. The airy viewing platform at Stegastein gives you a bird's-eye view over the dark waters and pearl-colored rocks of the fjordlands (once you've gotten up the nerve to open your eyes), especially the glimmering Nærøysfjord, another World Heritage Site.

And then there's the Atlantic Ocean Road: You've never been on anything like the Atlanterhavsveien before. This passage moves across the land in Dr. Seuss-like swoops and curves, narrow bands of arcing asphalt leaping over chasms and waterways. It is very, very beautiful. The Atlantic Road connects a remote archipelago of islands and skerries—some inhabited, some not—and passes by some of the most stunning scenery in Norway. When you drive on it you'll feel like you've found the legendary route to the very ends of the earth.

They're magnificent—all 18 roads—and designed by a people whose love of the natural world goes down to their bones. But of course, Norway is about far more than driving. Many of these roads take you through Fjord Norway, and the fjordlands practically demand that you get out of the car and ski, swim, BASE jump, hike, kayak,

and snowshoe to all of those places the roads can't reach. The breathtaking scenery, as varied as the roads themselves, calls out to you to go further and seek out your own adventure.

And winter in Norway is full of adventure. Trace a silver path with your skis down a pristine mountain in the northern twilight; hike through the brisk air to one of the huge granite platforms that jut out over the fjords; try your hand at ice-fishing, or strap on your snowshoes and experience a different kind of day at the beach: tracking fresh prints in the fields of white that lead up to the Northern Atlantic Ocean. And then, at the end of the day drive the rest of the long way to a snug hamlet and curl up with a glass of mulled wine by the fire—perfection.

Finally, this winter, Norway has become even more welcoming by adding a sweepstakes. Check out www.visitnorway.us/fjordnorway to learn how you can win a trip to Norway with all of the amenities. The sweepstakes is sponsored by, among others, Nordled's enchanting fjord cruises, FjordTours' Norway in a Nutshell trips, which shepherd you to the best place in Fjord Norway while you do nothing but relax, and the cushy airline Iceland Air.

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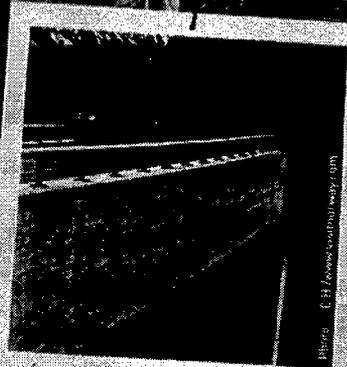
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Critical bird habitat in Panama is at risk.
By Susan Cosler

A LONG UPPER PANAMA BAY, western sandpipers and semipalmated plover mudflats lined by a tangle of mangrove trees. This 93-mile-long, five-mile area is a stopover site for two million migrating shorebirds a year. It's highly valued by humans, too. Just down the beach from where the shorebirds forage for insects, bulldozers are breaking ground for a new development slated to rise on what was once protected land. Now conservationists are racing to safeguard the region once again.

In April, after developers filed a lawsuit, Panama's Supreme Court suspended the status as a conservation wildlife refuge, opening the door to mega-hotel and golf course construction. The court is withholding protection while it reviews the merits of the conservation designation and the developers' suit—which charges that they weren't required to do so when the area was designated (something that isn't required under Panamanian law). When Audubon went to print, there was no word on when the court would make a decision.

As a result, the Panama Audubon Society and a coalition of local and international environmental groups are pushing for safeguards to be reinstated for the critical wetlands. "If those Panama wetlands are lost, then you break the chain of wetlands that you need for successful migrations," says Rosabel Miro, Panama Audubon's executive director. Migrants, including whimbrels, short-billed dowitchers, and willets, travel from the bay to overwinter in the Bay of Panama, or rest and refuel there before heading farther north.

Under Panamanian law, its wetlands are already protected, and their designation as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention (an international treaty on wetland conservation) in 2003 has raised their profile even more. In 2003, Panama Bay, a globally significant IBA, was designated a part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, making development here that much more egregious.

"The decision has brought together several strong conservation organizations in this process," says Matt Jeffery, senior program manager of Audubon's International Wetlands program, which has helped Miro's team conduct research on bird populations and ecosystem health in the bay and develop a conservation plan. In addition to Audubon Panama and 10 other non-governmental organizations like Wetlands International and The Nature Conservancy, a council of Panamanians representing 23 sectors, from churches to architects, has joined the cause. In August the association voted unanimously in favor of wetland protection because the ecosystem shelters the city and contributes to the economy.

Meanwhile, the groups are also enlightening residents on how the ecosystem is affected by fisheries and acts as a sponge, reducing flooding. On top of that, it mitigates precipitation associated with climate change, like sea-level rise. "Now that climate change is here, we must be prepared and we must protect our wetlands because they protect us," says Miro.

Yet until the courts review the evidence and make a decision, development will continue unabated. "The big picture," says Jeffery, "is that this is really a dangerous precedent setting, not just for Panama but for the entire region."

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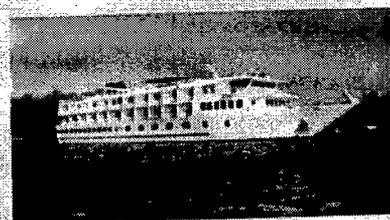
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