



Nordic World Heritage Association

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- Since 1995 the Nordic World Heritage sites in the Nordic countries have met annually and together shared experiences on how to implement the World Heritage Convention in the Nordic Countries.

- The purpose of Nordic World Heritage Association is to aid and support the implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention in the Nordic countries.

- It shall be achieved in accordance with the UNESCO World Heritage strategy of Credibility, Conservation, Capacity-building, Communication and Communities.

- The Nordic World Heritage Association is a non-profit organization and shall work exclusively for the benefit of its members.

- The association earns as an umbrella organisation for the National World Heritage Associations in Sweden, Finland and Norway or groups of World Heritage sites in Denmark and Iceland.

3 strategic pillars

Strengthen cooperation

- ✓ Between sites
- ✓ Between national associations and groups

Share best practices

- ✓ To inspire and learn from each other
- ✓ Both on site specific work and cooperation

Inspire others

- ✓ The Nordic WH cooperation is a model for other regions

44 sites in the Nordic Countries

•Sweden

- Royal Domain of Drottningholm
- Birka and Hovgården
- Engelsberg Ironworks
- Rock Carvings in Tanum
- Skogskyrkogården
- Hanseatic Town of Visby
- Church Town of Gammelstad, Luleå
- Laponian Area
- Naval Port of Karlskrona
- Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland
- High Coast / Kvarken Archipelago *
- Mining Area of the Great Copper Mountain in Falun
- Grimeton Radio Station, Varberg
- Struve Geodetic Arc *
- Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland

• Denmark

- Jelling Mounds, Runic Stones and Church
- Roskilde Cathedral
- Kronborg Castle
- Ilulissat Icefjord
- Wadden Sea *
- Stevns Klint
- Christiansfeld, a Moravian Church Settlement
- The par force hunting landscape in North Zealand
- Viking age fortresses - serial
- Kujataa Greenland: Norse and Inuit Farming at the Edge of the Ice Cap
- Aasivissuit – Nipisat. Inuit Hunting Ground between Ice and Sea

• Norway

- Bryggen
- Urnes Stave Church
- Røros Mining Town and the Circumference
- Rock Art of Alta
- Vegaøyan – The Vega Archipelago
- Struve Geodetic Arc *
- West Norwegian Fjords – Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord
- Rjukan-Notodden Industrial Heritage Site

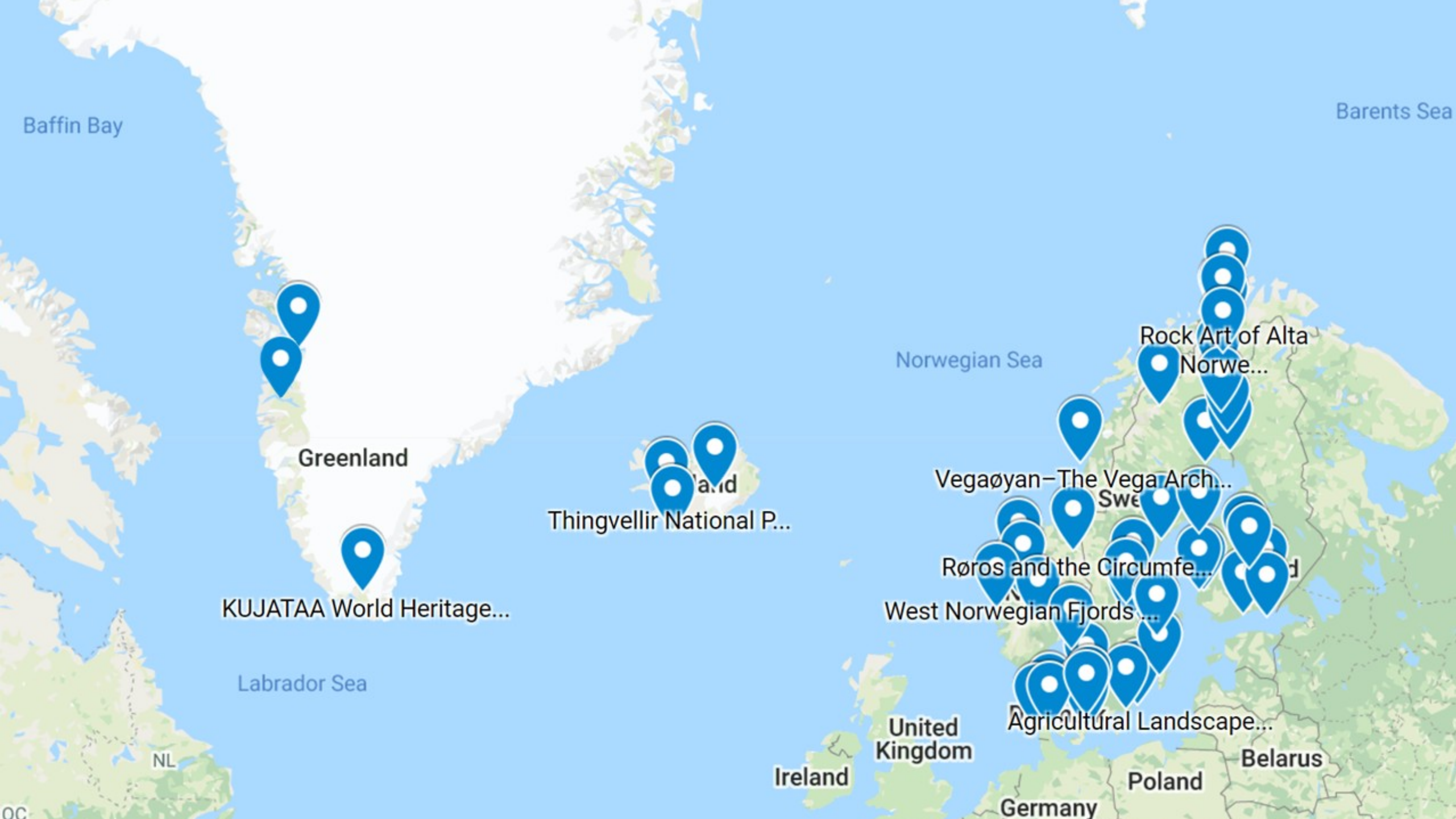
• Finland

- Fortress of Suomenlinna
- Old Rauma
- Petäjävesi Old Church
- Verla Groundwood and Board Mill
- Bronze Age Burial Site of Sammallahdenmäki
- High Coast / Kvarken Archipelago *
- Struve Geodetic Arc *

• Iceland

- Þingvellir National Park
- Surtsey
- Vatnajökull National Park - Dynamic Nature of Fire and Ice

**The Board of Directors of the Nordic World Heritage Association has 10 members:
Two from each of the Nordic countries, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland and
Iceland.**



Baffin Bay

Barents Sea



Greenland



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Thingvellir National P...

Norwegian Sea

Rock Art of Alta
Norwe...

Vegaøyan - The Vega Arch...

Røros and the Circumfe...

West Norwegian Fjords ...

Agricultural Landscape...

United Kingdom

Ireland

Germany

Poland

Belarus

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- **Projects and activities so far....**
- **Annual** conference rotating between WH sites in the member countries.
- Online conference 2021
- Conferenes in Rjukan - Notodden Norway 2022
- Vatnajokull national park in 2023
- Jyvaskala/Petajavesi Finland in 2024
- **Projects**
- The Nordic World Heritage as a model region for sustainable tourism
- Nordic World Heritage VR-Stories. Exploring the use of VR technology for interpretation and education. Another application pending
- Natural sites within the network cooperating
- Better communication strategy
- Common Visitor survey based on Finnish model
- Continue seeking funding opportunities

SISIMIUT : CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY: ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS IN UNESCO SITES The Sisimiut II Conference aims to continue the momentum of the Sisimiut I Conference, held in Greenland in March 2023, by advancing the dialogue on sustainable development within UNESCO sites in the North Atlantic and Arctic regions





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SESSION 10: INSTITUTIONAL OF THE SITE MANAGERS IN EUROPE

Invites site managers from Europe to share their Site Managers setup, institutional arrangement, working processes, opportunities and challenges faced.

Moderator:

Speakers:



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PREAMBLE

We, the participants of the “We Are Site Managers International Symposium” (held from 1-5 March 2024, George Town, Malaysia) from 37 countries, express our gratitude to the Penang State Government, George Town World Heritage Incorporated and the communities of George Town Historic City for organizing the Symposium. Participants expressed that the Symposium was very welcome, providing a transparent and stimulating platform to discuss and highlight opportunities and challenges faced by Site Managers in the context of the 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Takk fyrir mig

