

China goes Global Conference™

ABOUT THE VENUE: KRISTIANSAND, NORWAY

Kristiansand is the fifth largest city in Norway with nearly 90,000 inhabitants, located on the southern tip of the country. The area has a temperate climate with warm summers and cool winters and the climate is warmer than most other places at the same latitude with 18.6 °C (65.5 °F) as an average temperature in mid-June.

The city has a compact city center and the University of Agder is located in its immediate vicinity. Kristiansand has historically been part of an international oriented region with close ties to Great Britain and continental Europe. As a consequence, most citizens speak excellent English and several other languages are also well represented among the 150 nationalities living in the city.

In Norway, Kristiansand is best known as a summer destination, while the rest of the world knows it as a world class center for innovations in oil-services and offshore drilling technology. Large international companies such as NOV, Elkem, Aker Maritime and Schlumberger have for many years, been present in the city employing engineers in thousands.

Kristiansand is also the host to many cultural events and the city has its own symphony orchestra located in one of northern Europe's most modern concert halls; Kilden. <http://www.kilden.com/>. The city is further known for its innovative music scene in electronic and rhythmic music, visualized through the experimental PunktFestival: <http://www.punktfestival.no/>.

Kristiansand and its hinterland also provide great opportunities for outdoor activities both in the picturesque archipelago that surrounds the town from seaside to mountain hiking and mountaineering in the hinterland. We will offer all kinds of organized tours for spouses during the conference and as suggested extension for participants of the conference with the purpose of providing opportunities to enjoy the marvelous landscape. The city also has several beautiful parks and a beach right in the city center. Most notable among families who visit the city is The Zoo <http://www.dyreparken.no/>, Norway's largest tourist attraction for families.

The city of Kristiansand will welcome the Chinese Globalization Association, China goes Global conference, by hosting the welcome reception (or a closing reception). We have also good reasons to believe that we will have royal flavor on the conference delivered in an address by Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway at the welcome reception or at the gala dinner.

For more about the city, see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlgt7ltaDHk>

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