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Newsletter for U.S. Citizens in Norway



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## An Evening with the Ambassador and American Citizen Services in Kristiansand

On November 13, 2018, Ambassador Braithwaite met with approximately 70 U.S. citizens at the International School in Kristiansand, and on March 19, 2019 at the International School of Stavanger. The Embassy's American Citizen Services unit hosted these informal events titled, An Evening with the Ambassador, in order to provide a forum for Americans in Norway to come together to meet Ambassador Braithwaite, and to share information. [Read more.](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions: International Individual Tax Matters

If you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien, the rules for filing income, estate, and gift tax returns and paying estimated tax are generally the same whether you are in the United States or abroad. Your worldwide income is subject to U.S. income tax, regardless of where you reside. The Internal Revenue Service has compiled a list of frequently asked questions.

[Read more.](#)



## Summer Travel: Know Before You Go

Visiting other countries can be a great experience. Whether you are traveling for work or pleasure, solo or in a group, staying for a few days or several years, planning ahead can help ensure your time abroad is both enjoyable and safe. The Department of States' Travel website has complete information on every country. [Read more.](#)



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## Consular Services in Norway's Largest Cities

The U.S. Embassy makes an effort to send a Consular Officer to Bergen and Stavanger at least once every calendar year. A consular officer can provide limited services to American citizens, such as witnessing signatures on passport applications and on Consular Reports of Birth Abroad for children born to American citizen parents. This saves you and your children a trip to Oslo. [Read more.](#)



## Cruise Ship Traveler Tips

Cruise ship travel is an increasingly popular way for U.S. citizens to see the world. Millions of U.S. citizens embark on cruise ships without incident. However, it is important to be prepared so you can enjoy your trip with peace of mind. Here are some things to consider when planning your next cruise adventure. [Read more.](#)



## FATCA Reporting for U.S. Taxpayers

You may have to report information about foreign financial assets and accounts. The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) is an important development in U.S. efforts to combat tax evasion by U.S. persons holding accounts and other financial assets offshore. The Treasury Department and the IRS continue to develop guidance concerning FATCA. For current and more in-depth information, please visit [FATCA](#).

## Dual Nationality

The concept of dual nationality means that a person is a national of two countries at the same time. Each country has its own nationality laws based on its own policy. Persons may have dual nationality by automatic operation of different laws rather than by choice. [Read more.](#)



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