

The Vikings' Voyages

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The seafarers from Sweden, Denmark and Norway who travelled to other countries like Ireland and Britain were named Vikings. They used longships to carry their warriors. The ships had one large square sail made from wool. Leather strips criss-crossed the wool to keep its shape when it was wet.

The Vikings travelled around the coast of Europe. They travelled along the lakes and rivers of Germany and Russia and they met traders from Arab countries and from the East. They also made long journeys travelling to Canada, Iceland, Greenland and North America.

The products that they exported from Scandinavia include animals such as foxes, bears and otters. Furthermore, the Vikings obtained wool, wheat and honey from Britain. They also bought salt and wine from France and glass from Italy. Finally, they were provided silver, silk and spices by merchants from the East.