



M.C. Escher by Roy Schreuder

Be Cultural

Spot some beautiful Street Art! Visit the former prison **Blokhuispoort** (33), which has been turned into the cultural heart of Leeuwarden with a music stage, library, hostel and which also houses many startups. Leeuwarden has a couple of truly fine museums, such as the **Fries Museum** (11) and the **Ceramics museum** (12). But don't forget the smaller ones like the **Boomsma Museum** (16), where you can learn about (and taste!) the local liquor Beerenburger, or the **Grutterswinkel** (17), an old-fashioned grocery store which takes you back to days of yore. If you like oldtimers or the fashion of Mata Hari, visit **t'Andere Museum** (14).

Leeuwardens Hall of Fame

Leeuwarden has brought forth some world-famous individuals. You may have heard of the exotic dancer / double spy **Mata Hari**, who was born in Leeuwarden in 1876. You can still see her house of birth (40) or have a drink at Huize Kwast (8), where Mata Hari used to play after school with her best friend. The artist **M.C. Escher** was also born in Leeuwarden (12). The Fries Museum holds two big exhibitions about these former inhabitants (Mata Hari exhibition October 14th 2017 until April 2nd 2018. M.C. Escher April 28th 2018 until October 28th 2018). From 1584 to 1747, Leeuwarden was the residence of the ancestors of the current **Dutch Royal Family**. They settled in the Stadhoudershof (39) in 1587. They were buried in the crypt of the Grote of Jacobijnerkerk (34) (Open: Sat: 13:00-16:00, July-Sept: Tue-Sat 11:00-16:00). **Maria Louise von Hessen Kassel** was the last Nassau Princess who lived in Leeuwarden. You can visit a mural dedicated to her and inspect her family tree (26) on the Oldehoofsterkerkhof square. You might spot some very familiar faces! The entrance to her former house, the Princessehof, still shows in what kind of splendour Maria Louise and her family used to live.

Leeuwarden Free Tour

A walking tour through Leeuwarden is the best way to discover the city and our local guides love to share its beauty and stories. Every Saturday at 12:00 (noon) we offer two walking tours, one in **English** and one in Dutch. On Fridays we have a Dutch walking tour, and throughout the summer we offer a German tour on Sundays. From time to time we also offer themed tours like a Street Art Tour, a Beer Tour or our new Mata Hari Tour. Check our website to see when we offer these and in which language. It is also possible to book an English tour throughout the year on any preferred day by contacting us via our website.

The **starting point** for our tours is the Oldehoofsterkerkhof, the square in front of the Oldehove (the leaning tower). In case of events on the square, we will start at the opposite side of the square below the mural of Maria Louise. Our tours take about one and a half hours and after the tour has finished you may decide yourself to **pay whatever you think the tour was worth**.



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Other Activities

Aside from our tours you can also **rent a small electric boat** (greenjoy.leeuwarden.nl). When you do so, you can also ask us to join your boat tour and we can guide you through the canals. If you don't want to steer yourself, you can also join the daily **boat tours** (*praamvaren*) from April to October. Please be aware that these are only in Dutch. If you like to be a bit more active, you can also rent a **SUP** and paddle through the canals yourself (www.sup2thepeople.com). If you'd rather watch the city from above, you can visit the leaning tower **Oldehove** (31) (April-Oct Mon-Sun 13:00-17:00), or the highest building of Friesland, the **Achmea tower** (every second Saturday of the month). The highest church tower of Friesland, **Saint Boniface Church** (37) (July-9 Sept, Wed & Sat 14:00-16:00), also offers a great view over the city.

Check our website for more information:
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Walking Tours

Leeuwarden Free Tours

Including Citymap



A GUIDE TO LEEUWARDEN

Welcome in Leeuwarden

A historic city full of canals, bridges and buildings dating back from as far as the 13th century, Leeuwarden won't need much to captivate and enchant you. Leeuwarden is the capital of Friesland, former home of the royal Orange-Nassau family, and Cultural Capital of Europe in 2018. A walking tour through Leeuwarden is the best way to discover this quaint city. Our local guides would love to share the beauty of Leeuwarden with you.

Walking Tours

Friday	15:00		Leeuwarden Free Tour
Saturday	12:00		Leeuwarden Free Tour
Sunday*	14:00		Leeuwarden Free Tour

* (July and August 2017)