

# A Guide to Leeuwarden

Discover the city with our guides! Every Saturday at 12PM we offer a Leeuwarden Free Tour in English! Dutch Tours almost every day. German tours every Saturday at 2 PM and in summer also on Tuesday and Thursday. Spanish, Italian, English, Frisian & Dutch private tours possible every day! Check our website for more Information: [www.aguidetoleeuwarden.nl/en](http://www.aguidetoleeuwarden.nl/en)

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- ### Shop Like a Local
- 32 La Venezia (ice-creams)
  - 33 De Pluymgraaff (giftshop)
  - 34 Ny-Na (clothing and giftshop)
  - 35 Friday market
  - 36 Van der Velde (books)
  - 37 De Zuivelhoeve (cheese & sausages)
  - 38 Ut Streekie (Frisian food and giftshop)
  - 39 Afûk (Frisian book and giftshop)

- ### Coffee, Tea & Lunch
- 1 Stek Leeuwarden \*
  - 2 Brownies & Downies \*
  - 3 Barveoets
  - 4 Douwe Egberts Café
  - 5 Huize Kwast \*
  - 6 Brasserie Spiegelaar \*
  - 7 De Walrus \*
  - 8 Broodje Bewust
  - 9 Banhs & Coffee
  - 10 Grand Café Post Plaza \*
  - 11 Eet en Drinklokaal Proefverlof \*
  - 12 Grand Café de Friesche Club \*
- \* Also serve dinner

- ### Must See Sight
- 40 Oldehoeve: Leaning tower of Leeuwarden from 1529  
open: mon-sun 13:00-17:00 April-October
  - 41 Sint Anthony Gasthaus: Former almshouse with a luscious garden
  - 42 Boshuisen Gasthaus: Almshouse from 1652
  - 43 Grote of Jacobijnerkerk: Church from the 13th Century Open: Sat. 13:00-16:00, July-14 Sept: Tue-Sat 11:00-16:00
  - 44 Former Jewish Synagogue (1805)
  - 45 Centraal Apotheek: Pharmacy built in original Art Nouveau style (1905)
  - 46 Saint Boniface Church: 85m, Friesland's highest church tower open: wed to sat 14:00-16:00
  - 47 Kanselarij: Building from 1566
  - 48 Gabbema Gasthaus: 1906 Art Nouveau almshouse for older ladies
  - 49 Blokhuispoort: Former prison from 1580-2007, now a cultural and innovative hub
  - 50 Mata Hari's house of birth
  - 51 Stadhouderslijk Hof: Former palace of the Nassau Family
  - 52 City Hall from 1715
  - 53 Waag: Former weighhouse from 1590
  - 54 Passage de la Baleine
  - 55 Achmea Tower: Highest tower in Friesland (114m)
  - 56 Love Fountain (11 fountains)
  - 57 Oude Stadsbegraafplaats: 19th century cemetery in decay.

- ### Museums
- 13 Fries Museum: Everything about Friesland, Art, Culture and history  
Tue-Sun 11:00-17:00
  - 14 Princessehof: Ceramics Museum  
Tue-Sun 11:00-17:00
  - 15 Frisian Nature Museum  
Tue-Sun 10:00-17:00
  - 16 Museumhouse Van Eysinga  
Wed-Sat 10:00-16:00, Sun 12:00-16:00
  - 17 't Andere Museum: From classic cars to Lace  
Wed-Sun 13:00-17:00, Jan-Feb only Sunday
  - 18 Beerenburger Museum: Old Beerenburger Distillery  
Tue-Sat 10:00-17:00
  - 19 De Grutterswinkel: An old-fashioned grocery store  
Tue-Sat 10:00-17:00
  - 20 Museum Harbour Leeuwarden
  - 21 Kunstruimte H47: Art Exhibitions  
Wed-Sun 12:00-17:00
  - 22 Obe: Exhibitions about Literature, art and language  
Tue-Sun 11:00-17:00
  - 23 Tresoor: Library and Archive to trace back family roots  
Mon-Fr 10:00-22:00, Sat & Sun 11:00-17:00
  - 24 HCL: Local archive  
Tue-Fr 11:00-17:00, Sat-Sun 13:00-17:00
  - 25 Pier Pander Museum: Sculpturer  
Fr-Sun 13:00-17:00 1 June till Oct.
  - 26 Fries Landbouwmuseum: Frisian Agricultural Museum (outside the map)

- ### Street Art
- 58 Saskia van Uylenburgh
  - 59 Maria Louise von Hessen-Kassel
  - 60 Fast Forward
  - 61 Mata Hari
  - 62 Alma Tadama's A Coign of Vantage
  - 63 De Klanderij - Writer's Block Murals
  - 64 Miyamoto Musashi

- ### Cafes, Pubs & Liquor store
- 27 Speciaal Bier Café De Markies
  - 28 Dr. Watson
  - 29 Café de Strohoed
  - 30 Paddy O'Ryan
  - 31 Drankenspecialzaak Jelle

### Legend

- A** Start Free Tours
- B** Boat Rental (greenjoy)
- C** SUP & Kajak Rental
- D** Boat Tours
- €** ATM / Cash Machine
- F** Bike Rental
- G** Gondola Tours
- H** Hotels
- i** Tourist information
- K** City Train Leeuwarden
- P** Police
- Shopping streets







## Be Cultural

Leeuwarden may not be European Capital of Culture anymore, but there is still plenty to do culturally. Spot some beautiful Street Art! You can book a private street art tour or take a walk yourself with the help of [leeuwarden.streetartcities.com](http://leeuwarden.streetartcities.com). Visit the former prison **Blokhuispoort** (49), which has been turned into the cultural heart of Leeuwarden with a hostel, library and which also houses many startups. Leeuwarden has a couple of truly fine museums, such as the **Fries Museum** (13) and the **Ceramics museum** (14). Don't miss out on the smaller ones like the **Beerenburger Museum** (18), where you can learn about (and taste!) the local liquor Beerenburger, or the **Historic house museum van Eysinga** (16), a beautiful house which takes you back to the 18th century. If you like classic cars or vintage fabrics, you must pay a visit to **'t Andere Museum** (17). And on the outskirts of Leeuwarden, you can find the **Frisian Agricultural Museum** (26).

## Leeuwardens Hall of Fame

Leeuwarden has brought forth some world-famous individuals. **Saskia van Uylenburgh** was born here in 1612, she would later marry a certain painter called Rembrandt van Rijn. The graphic artist **M.C. Escher** was also born in Leeuwarden (14). You may have also heard of the exotic dancer / double spy **Mata Hari**, who was born in Leeuwarden in 1876. You can still see her house of birth (50). From 1584 to 1747, Leeuwarden was the residence of the ancestors of the current **Dutch Royal Family**. They settled in the **Stadhouderlijk Hof** (51) in 1587. They were buried in the crypt of the **Grote of Jacobijnerkerk** (43) (Open: Sat: 13:00-16:00, July-14 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 (59) at the Oldehoofsterkerkhof square. You might spot some very familiar faces! The Nassau Room in her former house, the Prinsessehof, still shows in what kind of splendour Maria Louise and her family used to live.

## Walking Tours in Leeuwarden

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. Saturdays at 14:00 we also offer a tour in Dutch and one in German. Our other public tours are in Dutch. Our guides will show you Leeuwarden through the eyes of a local. Expect a passionate guide, funny historical stories, beautiful street art and cute little shops and art galleries. It's the best introduction to the city! Our tours have been the best rated tours of Leeuwarden on **TripAdvisor** for the past six years!

The **starting point** for our tours is the Oldehoofsterkerkhof, the square in front of the Oldehove (the leaning tower). Our guides will be waiting for you next to the entrance of the Obe pavilion and the mural of Maria Louise.



## Leeuwarden Free Tour in English

Every Saturday at 12PM we offer a Leeuwarden Free Tour in **English**. This walking tour takes about 1,5 hours and is the best introduction to the city. Simply wander over to join, or sign up via our website to guarantee yourself a spot! At the end of the tour you **pay what you think the tour was worth!**

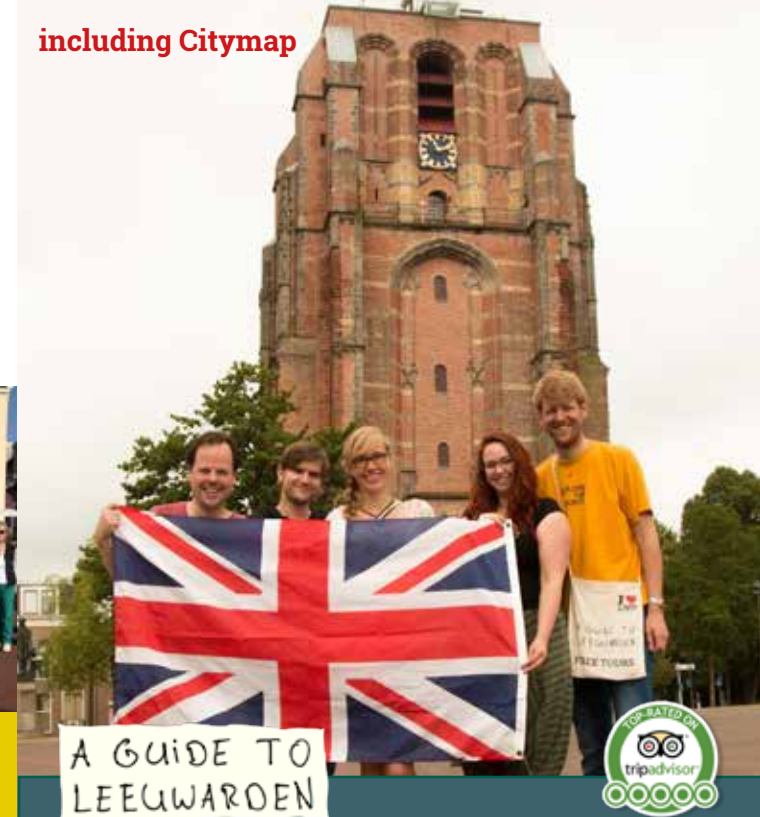
## Private Walking Tour

It is also possible to book a private tour with us. We can arrange your private tour on any day of the week in various languages. We offer tours in English, German, Spanish, Italian, French, Dutch and Frisian. A private tour costs 50 Euro per hour/per guide. Feel free to get in touch with us via our website or email!

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# Walking Tours Leeuwarden Free Tours

including Citymap



## Welcome in Leeuwarden

A historic city full of canals, bridges and buildings dating back to 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 remarkable and quaint city. Our local guides would love to share the beauty of Leeuwarden with you.

## Walking Tours

🇬🇧 English: Every Saturday 12:00 (noon)  
🇩🇪 German: Every Saturday 14:00, in summer Tue & Thu 13:30  
🇳🇱 Dutch: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 13:30, Friday 15:00  
Saturday 12:00 & 14:00 and from april-nov Sunday 12:00