

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 there are extra tours. Spanish, English, Frisian & Dutch private tours are possible every day! Check our website to sign up and for more information: www.aguidetoleeuwarden.nl/en



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Coffee, Tea & Lunch

- Breakfast is also available at *.
And at ● they serve lunch & dinner.
- 1 Stek Leeuwarden *
 - 2 Brownies & Downies *
 - 3 De Skeve Toren
 - 4 Barvoets
 - 5 Douwe Egberts Café
 - 6 Huize Kwast
 - 7 Brasserie Spiegelaar
 - 8 De Walrus
 - 9 Bowls 'n Rolls
 - 10 Bahns & Boba
 - 11 Grand Café Post Plaza *
 - 12 Eet en Drinklokaal Proefverlof

Restaurants

- 13 In de Brouwerij * (European)
- 14 Thai-By-Jai (Thai)
- 15 Eetcafé Spinoza (European)
- 16 TOTT Leeuwarden (Indonesian)
- 17 Leeuwarden Lounge (Afgan)
- 18 Eindeloos (Frisian)

Museums

- 19 Fries Museum: Everything about Friesland, Art, Culture and history
Tue-Sun 11:00-17:00
- 20 Prinsessehof: National Ceramics Museum
Tue-Sun 11:00-17:00
- 21 Frisian Nature Museum
Tue-Sun 10:00-17:00, in Summer also on Mon
- 22 't Andere Museum: From classic cars to Lace
Mon-Sun 13:00-17:00, In January only Sunday
- 23 Museumhouse van Eysinga: 18C
Mon-Sat 10:00-16:00 Sun from 12:00**
- 24 De Utrecht: Art Nouveau building
Fri & Sat 13:00-17:00, deutcht.frl
- 25 De Grutterswinkel: An oldfashioned grocery store
Tue-Sat 10:00-17:00
- 26 Museum Harbour Leeuwarden
- 27 Art space H47: Wed-Sun 12:00-17:00
- 28 Obe: The stage for Frisian Culture
Mon-Sun 11:00-17:00
- 29 Tresoar: Library and Archive to trace back family roots
Mon 13:00-17:00 Tue-Thu 10:00-22:00, Fri 10:00-17:00 Sat-Sun 11:00-17:00
- 30 HCL: Leeuwarden's archive
Tue-Fri 11:00-17:00, Sat-Sun 13:00-17:00
- 31 Pier Pander Museum: Sculpturer
Sat-Sun 13:00-17:00 June till Oct.
- 32 Fries Landbouwmuseum: Agricultural Museum (outside the map)
Tue-Fri 11:00-17:00, Sat-Sun 13:00-17:00**

**Changing opening hours in winter

Cafes & Pubs

- 33 Speciaal Bier Café De Markies
- 15 Dr. Watson
- 34 Café de Strohoed
- 35 Paddy O'Ryan

Shop Like a Local

- 36 Drankenspecialzaak Jelle (Beer)
- 37 La Venezia (Ice cream)
- 38 De Pluymgraaff (Giftshop)
- 39 De Toverlantaarn (Books)
- 40 Ny-Na (Clothing & Giftstore)
- 41 Fridaymarket
- 42 Spellekijn (Games)
- 43 Van der Velde (Books)
- 44 De Zuivelhoeve (Cheese & meat)
- 45 Ut Streekie (Souvenirs & regional products)
- 46 Afûk (Frisian Book- & Giftstore)

Must See Sights

- 47 Oldehove: Leaning tower (1529)
Mon-Sun 13:00-17:00 April-October
- 48 Sint Anthony Gasthaus: Former almshouse with a luscious garden
- 49 Boshuisen Gasthaus: Almshouse from 1652
- 50 Luilekkerland: 18C Almshouse
- 51 Grote- of Jakobijnerkerk
Sat 13:00-16:00, in Summer also Tue-Fri
- 52 Former Jewish Synagogue (1805)
- 53 Centraal Apotheek: Pharmacy built in original Art Nouveau style (1905)
- 54 Saint Boniface Church: 85m, Friesland's highest church tower
Wed to Sat 14:00-16:00
- 55 Kanselarij: Building from 1566
- 56 Gabbema Gasthaus: 1906 Art Nouveau almshouse
- 57 Blokhuispoort: Former prison from 1580-2007, now a cultural and innovative hub
- 58 Mata Hari's house of birth
- 59 Stadhouders Hof: Former palace of the Nassau Family
- 60 City Hall from 1715
- 61 Waag: Former weighhouse from 1590
- 62 Passage de la Baleine
- 63 Achmea Tower: Highest tower in Friesland (114m)
- 64 Love Fountain (11 fountains)
- 65 Oude Stadsbegraafplaats: 19C cemetery in decay
- 20 M.C. Esscher's house of birth

Street Art

- 66 Maria Louise von Hessen-Kassel
- 67 Colorblind
- 68 Alma Tadama's A Coign of Vantage
- 69 De Klanderij - Writer's Block Murals
- 70 Miyamoto Musashi



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Our guides Zenon, Charlotte, Henk and Christina.

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 our **Street Art Map**. Visit the former prison **Blokhuispoort** (57), 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** (19) and the **Ceramics museum** (20). Don't miss out on the smaller ones like the **Historic house museum van Eysinga** (23), a beautiful house which takes you back to the 18th century or the **Utrecht** (24), a former insurance company built in 1904 in Art Nouveau style. If you like classic cars or vintage fabrics, you must pay a visit to 't **Andere Museum** (22). And on the outskirts of Leeuwarden, you can find the **Frisian Agricultural Museum** (32).

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 (20). 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 (58). From 1584 to 1747, Leeuwarden was the residence of the ancestors of the current **Dutch Royal Family**. They settled in the Stadhoudershof (59) in 1587. They were buried in the crypt of the Grote of Jacobijnerkerk (51) (Open: Sat: 13:00-16:00, Summer: 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 (66) at the Oldehoofsterkerkhof square. You might spot some very familiar faces! The Nassau Room in her former house, the Princessehof, 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** since 2013!

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 Visitor Center Leeuwarden (inside the Obe pavilion) and nearby the tiled tableau of Maria Louise.



Start
Free Tours

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. Please **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, Dutch and Frisian. A private tour costs 50 Euro per hour/per guide. You can book a private tour directly via our website.

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Welcome in Leeuwarden

A historic city full of canals, bridges and buildings dating back 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
 🇳🇱 Dutch: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 13:30, Saturday 12:00 & 14:00 and Sunday 12:00

* Always check our website for the most up to date information