

Sitevisit 7: enjoy Leeuwarden!

Leeuwarden is the capital of the province of Friesland. Its surprising shops, interesting museums, great events and historical inner city with over 500 monumental buildings and special modern architecture make it like no other town. With about 90,000 inhabitants and over 30,000 Dutch and international students at three universities, Leeuwarden is truly an international student town!

The city's historical centre is known for its leaning tower called 'Oldehove,' which is surrounded by the 'Prinsentuin', a garden created by the Nassau family in 1648. It is also known for the modern architecture found on the Achmea tower, the highest office tower in the north of the Netherlands. Leeuwarden is also a well-known shopping city. One of its shopping streets, De Kleine Kerkstraat, was awarded to be the best shopping street in the Netherlands in 2010 and 2013.



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The capital of Fryslân also offers several museums such as the Frisian Museum, the Frisian Nature Museum, Ceramics Museum and more.

The inner city is full of nice restaurants, cafés and bars providing international food from all over the world and local specialities.

Leeuwarden is also a Water City. The start and finish of the Elfstedentocht – the famous day-long skating competition. The city has a watery heart and a heart for water. The city canals, the quays and the city river de Potmarge have been beautifully restored and renovated in recent years. The presence of water determines the city's image and atmosphere. This aspect is not only important for the residents who love to live there, but also for those who come here for leisure and (water) tourism. The Prinsentuin Marina is located in the heart of the inner city. The wide and narrow canals of the city are navigable to flatboats, canoes, rowing boats.

Join us for a two-hour walk through the heart of Leeuwarden!

Organisation:

A Guide to Leeuwarden.

Description of the organisation.

A Guide to Leeuwarden started two years ago with walking tours through Leeuwarden every Saturday. Since then the organisation has been growing and started to offer different types of tours. Themes differ from a real local introduction to the province Friesland with the Fryslan Tour, a walk through history about the origination of the House of Orange to beautiful street art throughout the city. We offer tours for tourists, students and inquisitive inhabitants of Leeuwarden..

Time/accessibility/other information.

We'd love to show you around on one of our English tours. We give two tours a day at 10.00h and 14.00h. The tour will take approximately two hours in which we will make a combination of the several tours we have so you will have a complete and interesting view of this city through the eyes of a local. Expect funny historical stories, beautiful street art, cute little traditional shops and places of the beaten path that you would normally not visit. Join us!

Find [here](#) more information about Leeuwarden.