



**VISIT
FRIES
LAND**



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Duration 3 days
(4 days with visit to the Floriade)

Friesland is *it bêste lân fan d' ierde**. Right? During this three-day trip you will go in search of the answer to this question. Friesland has the most beautiful nature, special performances and contemporary art by national and international artists in store for you. It is once again a cultural hotspot in Europe during this triennial of the Capital of Culture Leeuwarden-Friesland 2018!

*the best country on earth



ALDE FEANEN NATIONAL PARK

DAY 1

Drachten is waiting for you. Are you ready for it? Would you be surprised if we told you that Drachten is a village and not a city? We're happy to surprise you and start the trip with a visit to the DR8888 museum. This former monastery now houses works of art from the period 1885-1965 and extends to contemporary art. There are regular exhibitions for fans of Dada, De Stijl, constructivism and expressionism.

You can stop at restaurant De Graancirkel for breakfast, high tea and dinner, but we go there for their extensive lunch menu. Make sure you get plenty to eat because our next stop is to explore the nature in Alde Feanen National Park.

In the heart of Friesland lies an ancient nature reserve. This swampy peatland has been excavated over the years and is now a water paradise for people and animals alike. Walk along the springy peatland that squelches under your feet as you



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follow the guide from It Fryske Gea. Here and there the path runs along a wooden walkway and there are even paved paths so that people with mobility issues can also enjoy the lovely surroundings.

In Eernewoude (Earnewâld) you will visit the Skûtsje Museum to learn more about the history of traditional Frisian cargo ships. And if you think these ships only serve as decoration, nothing could be further from the truth. These ships compete in sailing races throughout the province.

As dusk approaches, we head to the bright lights of the big city of Leeuwarden. The capital that has always remained really down-to-earth and once again celebrates its cultural status in Europe. There are plenty of large and small restaurants with a rich variety of cuisines to choose from here. You'll want to try them all.

DAY 2

If you thought choosing a restaurant was difficult, then try choosing between these two day programmes:



OPTION 1

BOSK THE WALKING FOREST

You will discover a walking forest, which meanders right through the streets of Leeuwarden and Friesland. Villages, neighbourhoods, squares and canals become a green stage, with the trees as a lovely natural backdrop. In this versatile programme, no two days are the same because they are in a different location every day. This is how the metres-high trees form the backdrop for stories, encounters and performances over the course of 100 days.

Of course you can also combine a visit to BOSK with a city walk through Leeuwarden provided by, for example, A Guide to Leeuwarden or the Historisch Centrum Leeuwarden. Still haven't seen enough? Why not go on a canal cruise through Leeuwarden? In between the sightseeing, you can easily grab lunch at one of the grand cafés in the city centre.

After a full day's programme, you'll still have time to explore Leeuwarden's historic city centre on your own. You could do some shopping or grab a seat on one of the many terraces the city has to offer. It's always nice to end the day together with dinner in one of the restaurants.



OPTION 2

PARADYS WHAT IS THE WORLD WORTH TO US?

There is no more idyllic place in Friesland than Oranjewoud - the former playground of the Nassaus and Frisian nobility. This park is home to an ambitious contemporary exhibition with new works by top international artists. It confronts appearance and reality and addresses the tension between control and chaos, beauty and power.

It doesn't shy away from addressing contemporary topics such as the pandemic, Black Lives Matter or the climate crisis. The works reflect the special village near Heerenveen, its surroundings and its rich history. After a wander through the park, it's time for a delicious lunch at Hotel Tjaarda right around the corner. Fortunately, there is still time to visit the Belvédère museum, where you can admire more contemporary art by Dutch artists.

We end the day with dinner at hotel Tjaarda.

DAY 3



11FOUNTAINS IN SNEEK

If we ask someone to name 3 things that are typically Frisian, the reply usually includes Elfstedentocht, Beerenburg and the language. We start the day in Bolsward, the only Hanseatic city in Friesland and one of the eleven cities. We begin at the burnt-down Broerekerk church where you will also find the 11fountains fountain The Bat. Unfortunately we can't visit them all, but we will continue on to the city of Sneek where a second fountain Fortuna awaits.

In Sneek, the first item on the agenda is lunch at one of the charming lunchrooms. After a good meal and a bit of a rest, we then start the city walk. It takes you not only along the fountain and the water gate, but also to Weduwe Joustra brewery. We stop here and sample the genuine Frisian flavour of Beerenburg, a herbal bitter according to a secret recipe.

This third day brings an end to our trip through Friesland and we set course for home.

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DAY 4 OPTIONAL

FLORIADE

This 4th day is perfect for those of you who have not had enough of the area and want to see more. Between 14 April and 9 October 2022, you'll have the chance to combine your trip through Friesland with a visit to the Floriade in Flevoland.

Take into account a full day in the neighbouring province. You book your accommodation in Friesland because it only takes an hour to get to Flevoland. During a visit to the Floriade you will be immersed in the theme of 'Growing Green Cities', with its surprising innovations that can make cities greener and more enjoyable. At the same time, you can enjoy the beautiful scents and colours of flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables. Be inspired by no fewer than 40 country presentations, admire the spectacular greenhouse complex, gaze in wonder at the Floriade park from above in the cable car and enjoy a vibrant arts and culture programme.

Get more information about the Floriade from our colleagues at [VisitFlevoland](http://VisitFlevoland.com).



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