

Highlights

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8 DEC 2025 - 4 JAN 2026

Decemberlicht

LIGHT ART

With Decemberlicht, Kroft&Smits transforms buildings in the centre of Leeuwarden into magical places where stories are told through words and images. Since their first projection in March 2020, they have continued to surprise residents and visitors with extraordinary light art, and this year they will once again provide a warm glow during the dark days around Christmas and New Year's Eve. Tip: follow the blue lantern light...

16 December 2025 - 4 January 2026
[Decemberlicht.nl](https://www.decemberlicht.nl)

Blokhuispoort Christmas Market

MARKET

This year, Blokhuispoort will once again be transformed into a festive Christmas world full of lights, music, and cheer. Within the historic walls, you'll find more than sixty stalls offering artisanal products, unique gifts, and delicious winter treats, as you wander along the old prison walls that have been transformed into a warm, festive Christmas setting especially for this weekend.

13 and 14 December
[Blokhuispoort.nl](https://www.blokhuispoort.nl)

Salto's Wintercircus

CIRCUS

A brand-new show at the foot of the leaning Oldehove tower! For two weeks, this atmospheric winter circus brings spectacle, wonder and heartfelt moments for young and old alike in a heated circus tent on the Oldehoofsterkerkhof. And of course, daredevil aerial acrobats, a spectacular fire show, and much more, in a performance full of exceptional artists, with Clown Sander as the unifying force.

20 December - 4 January
[Circussalto.nl](https://www.circussalto.nl)

Bouke de Vries: Unbroken

EXHIBITION

This is something you won't want to miss: UNBROKEN, a major retrospective dedicated to internationally acclaimed artist Bouke de Vries. The exhibition offers a unique look at the work of an artist who transforms broken ceramics into new and surprising works of art in innovative and versatile ways. Sustainability, fragility and restoration take centre stage in the beautiful galleries of the Keramiekmuseum.

Tuesday - Sunday
[Prinsessehof.nl](https://www.prinsessehof.nl)

Mummie Mysteries

EXHIBITION

When you think of mummies, you probably picture Ancient Egypt, but animal mummies can also be found here in Friesland. These were often created by natural circumstances. The Natuurmuseum (Natural History Museum) has several mummified animals in its collection: a cat found in a crawl space, a rat discovered behind old wallpaper, and a dried bat that emerged from a vase years later. Mummy Mysteries is a fascinating topic.

Tuesday - Sunday
[Natuurmuseumfryslan.nl](https://www.natuurmuseumfryslan.nl)

Aqua Zoo

ZOO

Embark on a wintery journey of discovery and meet the residents of AquaZoo Leeuwarden! Admire the Amur tigers and their cubs, the Père David's deer — extinct in the wild — and come face to face with Nile crocodiles, polar bears, red pandas, ring-tailed lemurs and many more. Lace up your hiking boots, grab a map, and set off on an adventure.

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[Aquazoo.nl](https://www.aquazoo.nl)



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