



In the heart of Frisian history

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The most romantic and original open-air museum in Friesland tells its visitors the adventurous tale of the old fisherman’s village of Allingawier.

“Allingawier is the biography of a Frisian village,” director of the museum Hilda van der Meulen explains. “Here visitors can experience the everyday life of a Frisian village and its inhabitants during the late 19th and early 20th century.”

The picturesque village with its authentic buildings has an original 17th century farm, two charming churches, a bakery, a quaint old pub, a traditional blacksmith and many other historical sights. The surrounding nature includes a canal with old local ships along with the stunning view of the Frisian high skies.

During the summer, craftsmen show off their skills to the visitors in the local artisan shops whilst teaching more about a time when the small village was still self-sufficient.

The adventurous tales of the drainage of the Makkummer Lake and the constant danger of high water will leave visitors on the edge of their seats. It reflects how people in this part of the world are willing to live below sea level, and highlights daily life amid a landscape which is surrounded by mounds and dykes.

The Frisian Open Air Museum is run by the Aldfaers Erf Foundation. “Aldfaers Erf means the heritage of your forefather and that is exactly what we are showing our visitors. We are telling the stories of the actual people that lived here, our forefathers,” Van der Meulen explains.

With Leeuwarden in Friesland becoming the new European Capital of Culture in 2018, the future will be a time to remember for the open-air museum. The Frisian Museum Village also keeps an eye to the future, which is described by Van der Meulen as an “an exciting turn in quality”. In a few months, the beautiful renovated barns will be open for the public. Here,

guests will be able to combine the romantic setting of the scenic village with the taste of a delightful meal in the allying restaurant. Guests can also decide to rent the picturesque outbuildings, a one-of-a-kind location for business meetings, parties and weddings. Various activities are organised for groups including workshops at the blacksmith, sailing on traditional boats or private tours of the museum.

Together, the unique location and the rich history are a golden combination for any occasion, event or trip in the heart of Frisian history.

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