Friendly Greetings! (Vriendelijk Groeten!)

Be sure to use this map in conjunction with the Daily Schedule of Events that has been inserted into this Guide Map. Locate the time of the day, look at what events are happening at that time, and then find the location with this map.

Listed below are descriptions of a number of other interesting items that you won’t find listed in the Daily Schedule. Be sure to check them out as well!

Thanks so much for visiting us today! (Dank je wel!)

CARILLON BELL CONCERT
Our 25-bell carillon was imported from Royal Eijsbouts in Asten, Netherlands in 1991. Carillons can be found atop landmarks and churches throughout all of Europe. Ours plays a song on the hour and half hour.

PROVINCIAL FLAGS
The 12 flags you see flanking the walk to the carillon bell tower entrance are the flags of the provinces of the Netherlands. The provinces are the political equivalent of our counties. Always at war with the sea, the Dutch completed the reclamation of 12th province, Flevoland, in 1986. A second set of these flags is across from the Frisian farmhouse and barn.

UP ON THE ROOFTOPS
There are several different roof styles depicted throughout our village. These include the cedar shake roof seen on the carillon bell tower, the thatched roof made from reed on the Queen’s Inn dining room, and the clay tiles (dakpannen) seen on the farmhouse and gift shops. There is a display of different types of these clay tiles in the barn.

WAGONS & CARTS
All the wagons and carts you see here had specific uses, and were powered by horses, goats, dogs and bicycles. Wagons were used for mail, transporting people and products, and hauling manure (can you guess which one?). Carts were more manageable on the narrow streets and used by vendors selling fish, bread, flowers and other perishable goods.

WINDMILLS
Windmills (molen) were fashioned in many different styles and served many purposes, such as sawing wood, grinding grain, and draining the land. Our mill located along the rose garden is a polder mill (poldermolen), and was used to drain the land.

STATUARY
The statues seen in vignettes throughout the village were modeled from some of our own villagers and handcrafted in cement by local artist Joyce Sweers. Cheese vendors transport their products to the weigh house before going to market. The baker transports his fresh products to the farmer’s wife by bicycle (bakfiets). When the fleet comes in from the sea with a fresh catch of fish, herring (haring) are eaten raw right at dockside. The fisherman also acts as his own netmender, making net repairs as needed. Notice the long points on his wooden shoes (klompen), which serve as a third hand to assist the process. The little boy with his finger in the dike and the priest represent the fairy tale of the little boy who saved Holland from flooding by plugging a leak in the dike.

SPECIAL PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
Nelis’ Dutch Village abounds with photo opportunities. A Volendam family is pictured by the DeTiet street organ. Put your family faces in the cut-outs provided. Individual “Family Royalty” pictures can be taken adjacent to the water wheel (waterrad). The stork (ooievaar) is known as a symbol of fertility, and migrates to nest in the Netherlands and other northern European countries. Photograph your bundle of joy in our stork’s diaper. We now have many families returning to get a second generation’s picture in it!

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES
Take a ride on our restored antique carousel (draaimolen), noticing the horse with the specially carved tulip decoration. The zweefmolen or chair swing is another ride that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Work your way into the huge wooden shoe, to take a slide down the large slide.
1. Carillon Bell Tower - North Park Entrance
2. Dutch Village Offices & First Aid
3. Restrooms
4. Queen’s Inn Banquet Facility
5. Children’s Interactive Workshop (Coming Soon!)
6. Bioscoop - Movie Theater
7. Waterrad - Water Wheel
8. Polder Molen - Windmill
10. Dutch Mail Cart
11. Grape Arbor
12. The Hardewyk Chapel & Wedding Wagon
13. The Giant Stork - photo opportunity
14. De Gouden Engel - The Golden Angel Street Organ
15. Dutch Dancers and Dutch Dance Lessons
16. Wooden Shoe Slide
17. Old Dutch Cheese Making
18. Frisian Farmhouse and Barn
19. Petting Zoo and Take a Goat for a Walk
20. Zweefmolen - Dutch Chair Swing Ride
21. Restrooms
22. Draaimolen - 1924 Herschell-Spillman Carousel
23. Kolven Museum - antique costumes, Dutch Village History
24. Waaggebouw - reproduction of the Weighhouse in Oudewater, NL
25. De Tiet - Amsterdam Street Organ
26. New Petal Pumper Cars - Children’s Ride
27. Delphine Sanger Delftware Pavilion
28. Handpainted Delftware Shop - Dutch lace, German cuckoo clocks & steins, delft tiles and Christmas shop
29. Wooden Shoe Carving - demonstrations by hand and machine.
30. The Dutch Dip Ice Cream Shoppe
31. The Hungry Dutchman Cafe’
32. Imported Dutch Cheese Shop & Cheese Tasting
33. Dutch Cookies, Chocolate & Candy Shop - T-Shirts, Toys and Souvenirs
34. De Zoete Haan - homemade Dutch fudge and peanut brittle
35. Holland House Candles - handcarved while you watch
36. Garden Shop, Tulip Ordering and Park Exit to Gift Shops
37. De Magere Brug - reproduction of Amsterdam’s famous “Skinny Bridge”