



Welcome to Buren

Buren was once a small farming village with a little school, a few shops and, above all, many farms. Today it's a place where old and new blend beautifully. You can still feel that village atmosphere, but now with shops, restaurants, accommodation and the well-known statue of Ritskemooi on the village square. If you look a little closer, you'll find that the village has plenty to offer. Join an excursion to the duck decoy pond, try your hand at fishing in the trout ponds, or visit the Agricultural and Beachcombing Museum. You can also take the historical walking route.

On the reverse side of this leaflet, you'll find an overview of activities, restaurants, shops and the route of the historical walk.



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'De Driesprong'

The building dates from 1577 and served mainly as a farm until 1985. Around 1900, seal hunter Jaapje Molenaar and his brother Jacob lived here with their family. After Jacob's death, his wife opened a small and cosy living-room bar in the 1930s.

Their son Jan continued running the farm until 1985. In 1990, his daughter Tineke and her husband Piet Kooiker started a snack bar in the front of the house. It grew into a café-restaurant in 1995 and became a full-fledged eatery in 2004.



Tip: Take a walk along the historic route through Buren! You can find this route on the map on the other side.

a The Agricultural and Beachcombing Museum

The farms have long disappeared from the village. New barns were built in the countryside, but many old buildings remained. One of these is now 'Swartwoude' Agricultural and Beachcombing Museum. Here you can still see what rural life used to be like. The farmhouse on the corner of Hoofdweg and Meester Oudweg probably dates from 1754. It was certainly there in 1792, when Willem Theunis Metz was born – who later served in Napoleon's army.

After the last resident passed away, the little farm was restored and turned into a museum. Its current appearance dates back to 1908. The style is typical of Buren: a living area with two rooms separated by a narrow hallway. On the south side you'll find the front room with a fireplace and a wall of box beds, and behind that two alcove beds with a small peeskamer between them.



D The shop of Antke Trien

A well-known name in Buren: 't Winkeltje van Antke Trien, run by Anne de Jong and Catharina Metz. The building on Strandweg began as a farmhouse with a barn and cowshed. Later residents converted it into a home and added the well-known grocery shop at the front. In the 1970s, the shop closed and was later demolished. Opposite lived the famous brothers Ké and Dit Metz. Their little farmhouse still stands on the corner. While milking, they were known to sing Gregorian hymns.

e The Dairy Factory

On the corner of Fabriekspad and Esther Meindertsstraat once stood the dairy factory. In 1911, the Cooperative Handkracht Butter Factory was founded here. In 1943, the occupying forces stopped production; all milk had to be sent to the new steam dairy in Hollum. Three years later, the factory closed permanently. Today, it's a private home – the street name Fabriekspad keeps its memory alive.

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The School

In 1827, Buren opened a primary school, with a teacher's house built right next to it. The school stood on Dorpsweg – the street now known as Hoofdweg. When the building became too dilapidated in 1892, it was demolished and rebuilt on the same site.

In 1949, the Brouwer family bought the property and turned it into the De Klok hotel, café and restaurant. In 1962, the former teacher's residence was added. From classroom to guestroom, so to speak.



Discover Buren

Tip: walk the historical route!

A stroll through Buren reveals many of the old farmhouses that, over time, found new purposes – as homes, shops or museums. The historical route lets you discover, step by step, which buildings have a special past.

On the map below, the locations are marked with the letters A to F. You can read more about these historical sites both here and on the reverse side of the leaflet.



Nature and culture

Ritskemooi

In the centre of Buren stands the statue of Ritskemooi, the legendary witch of the Oerd. According to the tale, she lived from beachcombing and from whatever the sea brought her. When her son Sjoerd went to sea, beachcombing became harder for her, and she devised a plan. One stormy night she went to the beach, waved her lantern from the top of a dune, and a ship ran aground.

When the storm passed and morning came, she found among the wreckage the lifeless body of her own son. Nobody ever saw her again.

But those who listen carefully on dark, windy nights, when the wind howls over the Oerd, can still hear Ritskemooi's voice calling: Sjoeeeerd!



'Het Oerd' and 'de Hôn'

Around Buren, nature takes many forms. To the east lies the Oerd: a wild dune area with high peaks, deep valleys and ever-changing colours.

Further on you'll reach the Hôn – an open landscape of sandy flats, young dunes and a vast salt marsh stretching towards the Wadden Sea.

At high tide, countless birds come here to rest. Peace, space and beautiful nature – all within a 20-minute cycle from the centre of Buren.



Food & Drinks

- Buren's snackbar
- Restaurant- Hotel de Klok
- Eetcafe De Driesprong
- Café Pizzeria De Branding
- Burgermeesters van Ameland
- Snack Counter
- Restaurant StrAnders
- Restaurant De Huyskamer
- Snackhuys
- Beachpavilion 't Strandhuys
- Snackbar 't Hoekje
- Restaurant 't Koikershuus

Must-do's

- Agriculture-Beachcomber museum Swartwoude
- Duck decoy Buren (guided visits only)
- 't Nijlân (trout fishing pond)
- Swimming pool, padel courts and fitness centre Klein Vaarwater
- Mini golf, bowling and indoor playground Klein Vaarwater

Bike Rental

- Bike rental Metz
- Bike rental Molenaar

Shop & Beauty

- Smaak Ameland (cheese shop)
- Butcher Max's Meat
- Primera Ameland
- Hello You Babyboutique
- Liquor shop De Klok
- Giftshop De Kiekduun
- Supermarket Spar Enjoy
- Beauty salon La Belleza
- Barbershop Triveni
- Bij Carolien - Medical Pedicure
- Oog voor jou met Oane

Other

- Construction Company Fa. Spoelstra
- Installation Company Molenaar
- Chris Kienstra Totaalbouw
- Gardening De Tuinman
- Travel Agency Gunda
- Marijn Oud Music
- Heksengoud - Ameland Liqueur

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