

31 July - 3 August Keukenhof Estates, Lisse



20TH EDITION

OPENING HOURS FESTIVAL

Thursday	10.00	-	00.00 h
Friday	10.00	-	00.30 h
Saturday	10.00	-	00.30 h
Sunday	10.00	-	20.00 h

OPENING HOURS CAMPING

Thursday, 31 July, 10.00 h till Monday, 4 August, 10.00 h

FIRST AID

There are three First Aid posts. Check the festival map for their locations.



TRAVEL

There is a shuttle bus service between Castlefest and P+R/ train station Nieuw-Vennep.

Day	First bus	Last bus
Thu	09.30 h	01.00 h
Fri	09.30 h	01.00 h
Sat	09.30 h	01.00 h
Sun	09.30 h	20.30 h
Mon	08.00 h	12.00 h

Travelling by car? Keep your parking ticket ready when entering the parking lot.

PAYING AT CASTLEFEST

At the catering, we use tokens. You can buy tokens at various locations at the festival grounds. These are marked on the map with:

Desirée Rozema, Keshia

filten; design: Lena Gijsbrechts; ée Rozema, Keshia Fotografie, Orkfotografie, Rezien, Ruben Meuwese, Ruud de Korte, Slashley Photograph;

Do you have tokens left at the end of the festival? You can save them for next year or exchange them for money at the cash desk near the entrance.

INFORMATION

Any practical questions you have can be asked at the info booth, marked on the map with:

This is also the place to be if you've lost or found any items. Don't want to drag around all your stuff? The info booth offers a cloakroom service as well.

CONTACT

Would you rather ask your question online? Find us on Facebook and Instagram or send us an email at info@castlefest.nl We'll answer you asap!

Want to let everyone know what a great time you're having at Castlefest? Tag us via @castlefest and use #castlefest2025 or #cf25 on social media.

In 2005, 20 years ago, the gates of Castlefest opened for the very first time. Although still small, the magic was immediately undeniable. We felt right away: this is where we belong. Here we will build a magical world together. And we have done just that for 20 editions. Through rain and sunshine, with old and new friends. With you. Twenty years ago we took root here and have grown into the beautiful festival Castlefest is today: From our roots we shall grow. Castlefest would not exist without you, whether you are a visitor, volunteer, caterer, artist or exhibitor. Whether you've been coming since 2005 or this is your first time, you are part of something greater. Together we have created this world so dear to us. Together we have grown. Together we celebrate our home.

And celebrate we will! This year we have gone all out with our program. In this booklet you will find all the information about what you can experience over the coming days.

Once again this year, the musical line-up is a wonderful mix of new names, familiar faces and various genres. With Libertalia and Ye Banished Privateers, many pirates will be invading Castlefest. Sowulo, Garmarna and Hindarfjäll will take you to northern mythical realms. Fans of Pagan Folk are well catered for too: Waldkauz, EMIAN and PerKelt. Looking for something heavier? Solarcycles, The Dolmen, Prima Nocta and Heidevolk will certainly blow you away. At The Sidh, Green Lads, The Longest Johns and the bands on Balfolk Friday, you'll definitely keep moving. This is just a small part of what's on our stages. The full overview and band schedule can be found in the program grid.

Besides music, there is so much more to experience. Visit the Academy for lectures and panels on a wide range of topics and learn something new. Wander along the market stalls and marvel at the extraordinary creatures roaming about. Meet new authors at the writers' market, cheer on your favourite fighter at THE CAGE or join the fun activities of the Heathen Gang and the Instrument Market.

This year, the Wicker Ritual symbolises the Dryad. It stands for connection, with yourself, and with each other. It reminds us of our roots, the solid foundation of who you are, while reaching out with our branches to the world around us. Together we are strong. With the Dryad. With each other. With Castlefest.

We wish you lots of fun!

The Vana Events Team





THE MARKET

MEADOW FIELDS

Ananda Naturmode Arrr Fantasy Black Velvet Gowns Boutique Trukado De Dansende Jak De Jess Compagnie Dreams Barcelona Faery Goods Fantasy En'Counter Games-N-Stuff **Grumpy Geeks** Handelskontor Hebbus & Noggus Heidrún Leather In Balance - Shisha Lounge Jack of Dice Jacklyn Hyde Juggelin Sun Children Lila Pixie Loeff Bureau Creative Magical Gifts Mytholon Sjeintje Boterkoek The Chocolate Box The Coloured House The Violet Cauldron Triskal Wellness & Art Shop Trollart True The Eye of Awareness V.O.F. Painted Cave Voriagh **WJH Textiel** Wortel & Cruydt

LIFESTYLE PLAZA

The Black Mantis Hats 'n Dreads Houtspelmaatwerk / Creatures of Colour In Balance - Shisha Lounge Massagepraktijk Rumah Senang

SECRET GARDEN

Alohomora Annemiek Symboliek Atelier Terra Nostra Ayame Designs Bepstyle Britt - fine art and design **ByLord** Celtic Rose City Sheep Nature **Custom Costumes** Dark Lemon De Godin in Jezelf Dino Jewellery Drachenheim DreamClothing Fchtleer.nl Edles Geschmeide Eleoflora Elfeboutique Elsiera Etain Scelle **Eternal Designs** Fabion Fairyland Fuenteroyos Didgeridoos Grimoires et Compagnie

Het Kruidenheksje Indovleermuisje Kapitein Kleerhaak Kolderieke Maliën Kovex-Ars La Belliqueuse et La coutellerie Devillers Le Chevalier Thibault Le Sanctuaire d'Avalon Loesie Handel Mate Amargo Muse Suite Mushrooms and Moths Nomad Art Overthemoonfashion Paolo Aghemo Papagaio Pleiadia Rasa Creations Ronafly Rosies Art / Catalyst Styling and design Salem's Fantasy Gifts Seidi Clothing Sigil Stone Studio Speelbol Spirits & Beings Spooky Stuff Srilaksmi Stixandstones Symboli-K Tal's Art Vagabond Syndrome Viking Crystal Yneo Stones Zielenklanken

CASTLE DOMAINS

Amber Wolf Workshop Artisaen Awkaluna Black Planet Celtic World Chausses et des Choses De Polderkol Green-Man GartenARTen Hannie's Hakhoning Heksig Idzinga **JeraCraft** Magic Within Ocarinas Takacs Arpad Smederij Roodbaert The Native Dutch Clan Wax Atelier **YpermanFantasyPaints**

LARP VILLAGE

Larpcenter Willy van Santen

WOODLAND VILLAGE

A Lot of Rosie **Artemis Fantasy** Avothea / Feniks & Co Baba Yaga - les Choses Curieuses Black Oak Smederij **Bohemia Beauty** Cat's Cauldron Cornibus Corvus Sticks and Wands CrazyRat

EarhApple Creations Earthfield Creations Fairbow VOF Faeryfindings Fantasy Giftshop Freya Dorota Talik Friesian Fairytale Groep Gabs Het Labyrinth Hollow Moon Art K.G. Jach Loeros Leatherworks Mary Feywood Melief Animal Sanctuary Mitear Moira Natuurvrouw MR Leather Design Pagan Ways

Roosmarie Couture Shewolf Spingodin Studio FADE Sylvia Strijk Artist Time Traveller Ton in Ton Vuorelta Design Wonderdelen Woolfashion Zwaard en Volk

WANDERING

Feathers van Raven



PROGRAM

Since we've got an extensive programme lined up for you, we'd like to share a few highlights. It might make choosing what to do even harder, or it might help you decide! Curious about the full programme? The schedule includes QR codes you can scan to view the full line-up for each day on our website.



LARP Village

Step into the world of Live Action Role Playing in the LARP Village. Join a quest or take part in one of the combat training sessions, you might just discover a new hobby! - Also suitable for children.



Stop by and watch as talented artists create incredible works of art on the human body. If you visit at different times throughout the day, you'll see the artworks take shape. Each day has its own theme. On Thursday and Saturday, this will be The Magical World of Mother Earth. On Friday Time Travel Through History, and on Sunday, Mysteries of Air and Water.





Games Tent

In the Games Tent, you can play the most imaginative and adventurous board and card games. Grab a seat and challenge your friends, or team up for a cooperative game.



Ever wanted to try archery? At Castlefest, you can: in not one but two locations! Visit Dutch Warbow Society or Kunst & Schietwerk. Their experienced instructors are happy to introduce you to this beautiful sport.





Lifestyle Plaza

Take a break from the festival buzz with a relaxing massage, or treat yourself to a full makeover with a new hairstyle, face paint or even a tattoo.



Heathen Gang

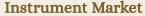
In this heathen village within the festival there's a wonderfully welcoming atmosphere. Here you'll find a range of workshops and information on spirituality. You can also stop by to make an offering for the Wicker Ritual or enjoy a soothing healing session. Be sure to come and watch the Wicker procession on Friday!





Medieval Spectacle

Step back in time to the Middle Ages in this area. Stroll past various craftsmen, including textile and woodworkers, and even a chainmail weaver. You can also learn the art of sword fighting here!



At Stichting Draailier & Doedelzak, you can try out the unique instruments Hurdy-Gurdy and Bagpipes for yourself. Prefer to enjoy the music without playing? Every year, the foundation hosts small acoustic concerts in the Koetshuis.



Be sure to stop by, you won't be disappointed!

Balfolk

On Friday, the Village Stage is the place to be for Balfolk lovers. With four Balfolk bands playing, you can dance to your heart's content all day long. Want to practice first? From Friday to Sunday, you can join the Balfolk Workshop at the Forest Stage. On Saturday, even with a large band made up of great Balfolk musicians! Will you join the dance?



Mead Market

Who doesn't enjoy a bit of mead sharing now and then? At the Mead Market, you can taste the finest meads from Noordelijke Mederij (NL), Klatovstí Poutníci (CZ), and of course our very own Celtic Drinks. Each meadery is happy to tell you more about their range, and the best part: you can try everything!

Found a mead you love? You can order and pay for it on the spot. You'll receive a receipt which you can use to collect your order from the pick-up point in the car park when you leave Castlefest.

P.S. Here's a little tip: on Thursday, the Noordelijke Mederij will give a talk about mead in the Academy from 16.00 to 17.00h.

Pick-up Point

You can collect your mead at the pick-up point in the car park at the following times:

Thursday	14.00 - 01.00 h
Friday	14.00 - 01.00 h
Saturday	14.00 - 01.30 h
Sunday	13.00 - 22.00 h
Monday	09.00 - 13.00 h

Celtic Drinks

Explore the delightful world of mead! At Celtic Drinks, the popular mead-shop of Vana Events, you'll find a delicious selection that ranges from classic mead to exhilirating flavours infused with spices.

At Castlefest, you can enjoy a selection from our wide range of meads at our bars. You can find them on the map at:

If you wish to take some bottles home with you, you can taste and order at the Mead Market at:



The perfect tip for your after-Castlefest dip! Have your favourite flavours delivered at your doorstep all year round:

www.celticdrinks.nl



CASTLEFEST ACADEMY

The Castlefest Academy is the place to deepen your knowledge on topics connected to Castlefest: history, music, literature and spirituality.

In lectures and panels, experts explore these subjects in detail, leaving you with a wealth of new insights to take home. We have highlighted a few items here; you can find the full Academy programme on our website.



Thursday, 14.00 - 15.00 h

Curious about the process behind the Wicker Ritual? In this panel, you will learn everything about the world behind Oliver Satyr from Faun will take you on construction.

Lecture 'Make Your Own (Historical) Corset' (NL)

Friday, 14.00 - 15.00 h

During their lecture, Angela and Jasper from Walking Through History will show you how to make your own historical corset.

Performance 'Deirdre and the Sons of Uisnech' (NL)

Friday, 16.00 - 17.00 h

For the 20th anniversary, Castlefest veterans Coca and Lies from Kelten Explore the scents and flavours of storytelling theatre with music!

Just like 20 years ago, they still love where several summery dishes are to share Celtic stories with great prepared live. And last but not least: there enthusiasm.



Lecture 'Pagan Myths and Music of the Old North'

Saturday, 14.00 - 15.00 h

the Wicker: from design to music and a journey through the ancient folklore and music of Scandinavia.

Panel 'Kingdom Come: Deliverance - The Middle Ages in a Game World'

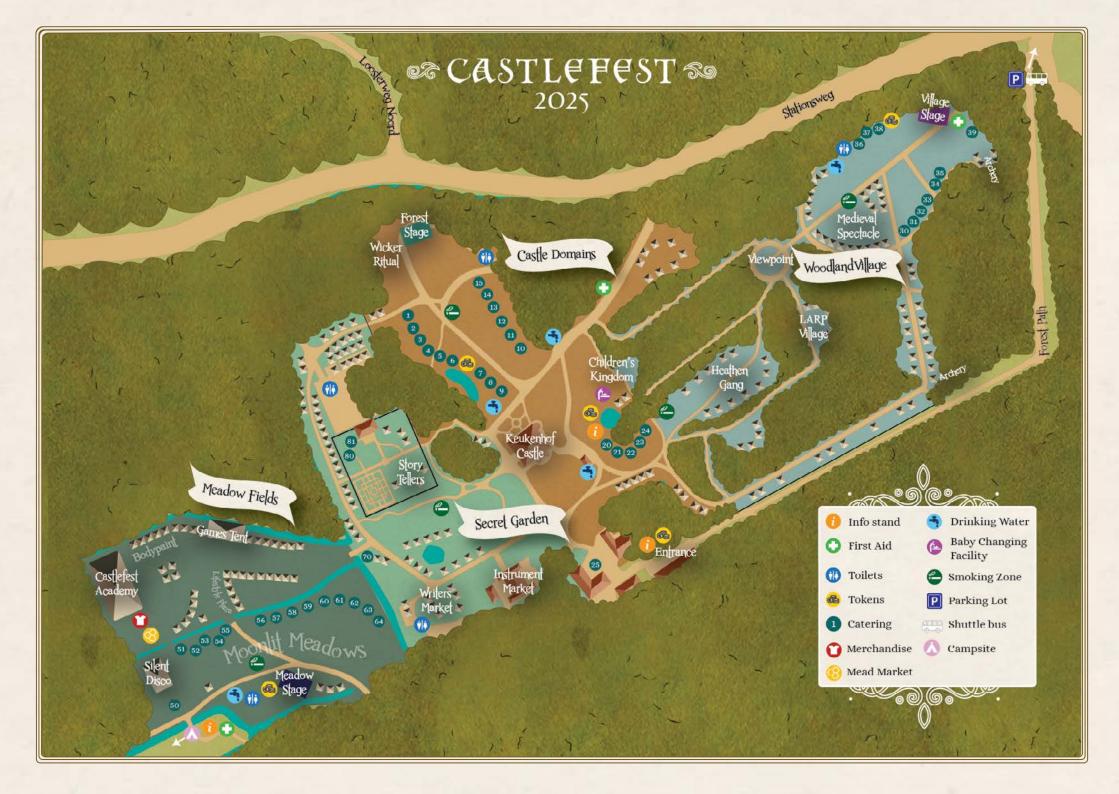
Saturday, 17.30 - 18.30 h

In this panel, we dive into the world of 15th-century Bohemia through the popular game Kingdom Come: Deliverance. In collaboration with Gamekings, experts from the gaming industry and academia discuss how historical stories are translated into an immersive gaming experience.

Cooking Show 'ToenTerTafel' (NL)

Sunday, 13.15 - 14.15 h

zonder Grenzen return to their roots: the Middle Ages! Sacha Husken from ToenTerTafel presents a cooking show will be tasting at the end!



BANDS

Below you find the musical menu of Castlefest 2025.

Not familiar with a band? The dots show you which day the band plays and on the right you can find what kind of music you can expect. Now you can compose your perfect program, in tune with you musical taste palette. Enjoy!

Bog Bodies So Heavy Folk

Cesair 🚳 Epic Folk

Daisy Bellis Su Baroque Pop

Dayazell an Ancient World Music

Dikanda Sa Gypsy World Folk

EMIAN Su Pagan Folk

Eihwar The Viking War Trance

Fyndus © Easy Listening Balfolk

Garmarna Sa Folk Rock

Green Lads Electronic Celtic Dance Music

Heidevolk Pagan Folk Metal

Hindarfjäll Sa Nordic Folk

La Horde Multi Personality Folk Extravaganza

Libertalia Sa Pirate Folk Celtic Music

Lili Refrain Dark Folk Rock

PerKelt Sa Su Pagan Speed Folk

Poolidor 🗈 Electro-Trad Balfolk

Prima Nocta Powerfolk Folk Rock

Rastaban 8a Post Folk

SeeD Su Fae Pagan Folk

Solarcycles Symphonic Folk Metal

Sunfire 🚳 Western Folk Spectacle

The Dolmen Sa Celtic Rock

The Sidh Sa Celtic Dubstep

The Wanderer Soul Music for the Wandering Soul

Trigaida Folklore Electro

TriOblique Balfolk Fusion

Triple-X Groovy Balfolk

Trolska Polska Sa Su Nordic Troll Folk

Waldkauz 🚳 Pagan Folk

Ye Banished Privateers 17th ct. Sea Shanties & rough Irish Folk 'n Punk

THURSDAY JULY 31



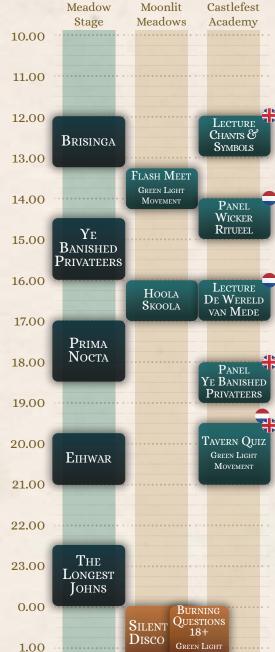
BANDS

Acts

CAMPING

GUESTS

ONLY



MOVEMENT

You can find the full line-up on our website:



Tips of the day

Can you spot the Wind Horses on the festival grounds? This special herd with flowing manes will whisk you away to a mythical world.

Green Light Movement is hosting activities throughout the weekend to help you make new friends. Are you joining the Tavern Quiz tonight?

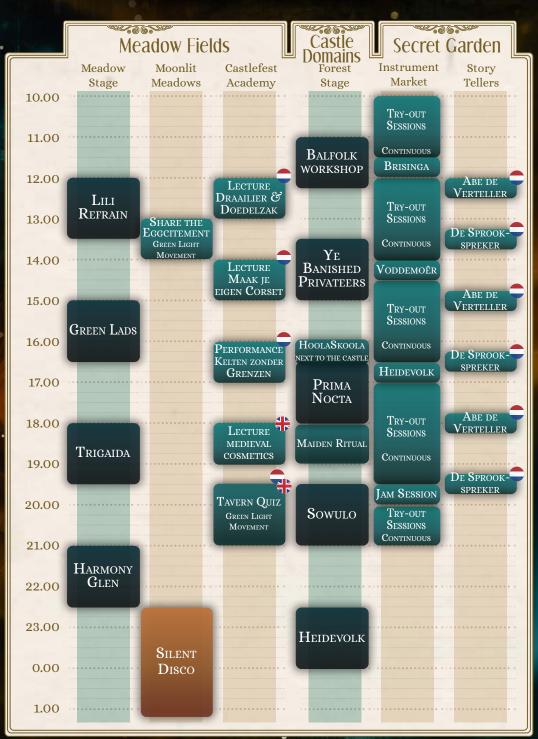


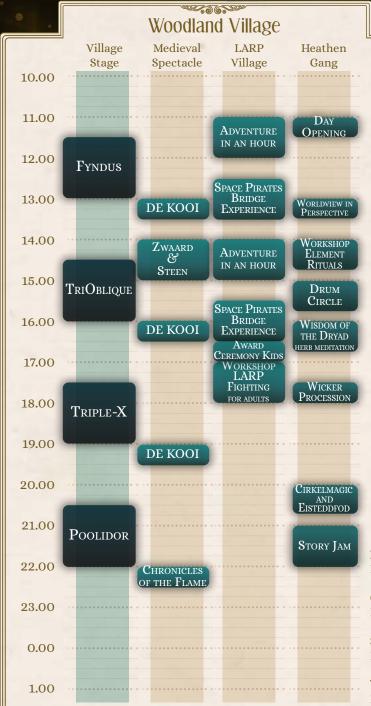
Meadow Fields opens today at **10.00 h**.

The market closes at **23.00 h.**

Moonlit Meadows remains open till **0.00 h.**

Friday August 1





You can find the full line-up on our website:



Tips of the day

Two fighters in, one fighter out. Different contenders enter the arena and battle their way through every round of DE KOOI (The Cage). Who are you rooting for?

Speaking of battles: at 17.00h it's time for the legendary KiddyBattle, the traditional duel between kids and grown-ups!



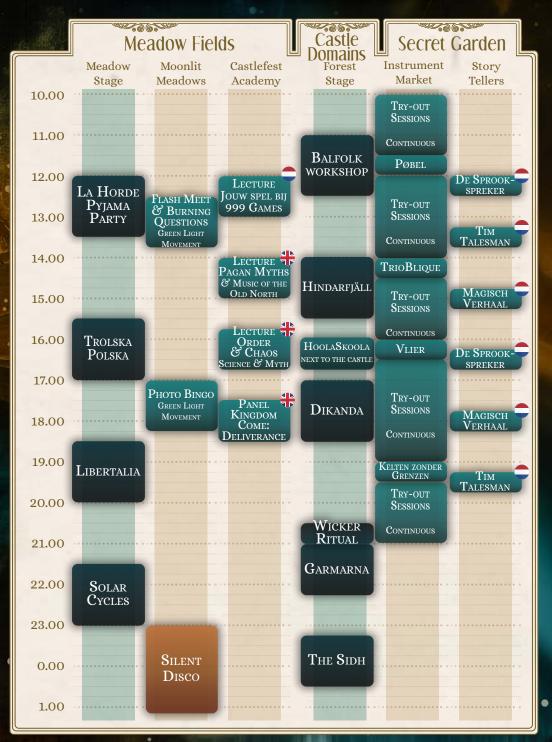
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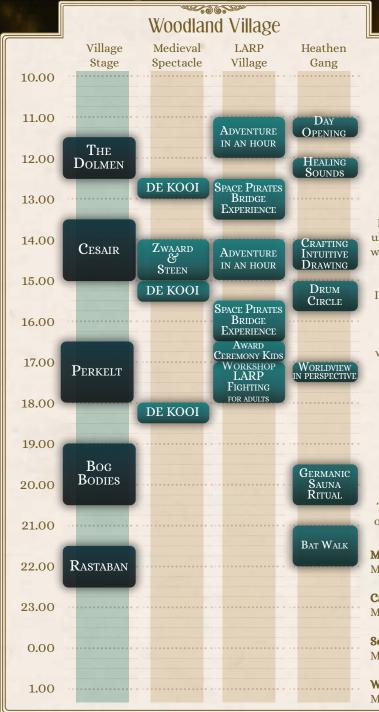
Meadow Fields	0.30
Market	22.00
Castle Domains	0.00
Market	0.00

Secret Garden	21.00 h
Market	21.00 h

Woodland Village 22.00 h Market 22.00 h

SATURDAY AUGUST 2





You can find the full line-up on our website:



Tips of the day

Get the party started!
Bring your pillow for the ultimate pillow fight of the weekend during La Horde's infamous Pyjama Party!

In the evening, Alta Nocte
Creaturis comes to life
on Moonlit Meadows.
A nighttime parade of
wondrous creatures born
from the imagination of
Jheronimus Bosch.



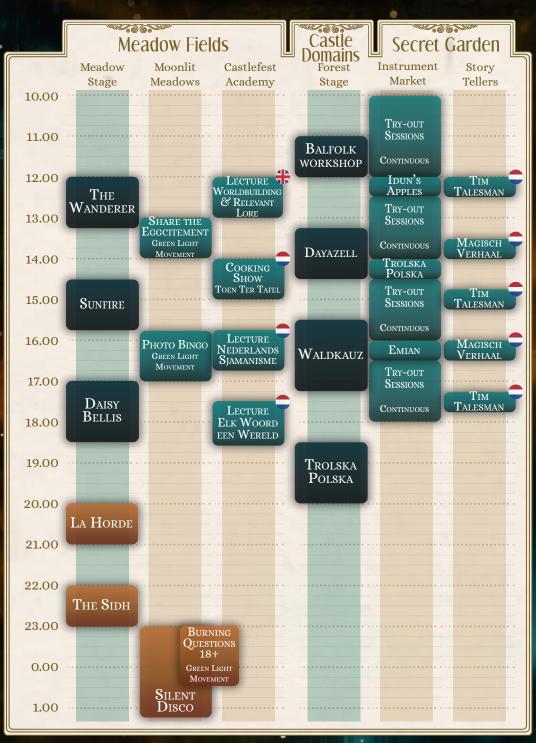
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Woodland Village	22.30 h
Market	22.30 h

SUNDAY AUGUST 3





You can find the full line-up on our website:



Tips of the day

At the writers' market, you'll discover new stories and meet the authors behind them. They're eager to welcome you into their worlds. But beware, you'll probably leave with a few new books!

Step aboard the BSS Phoenix, the airship of SteamNation. Here you'll find Victorian parlour games, marvellous inventions and demo's on the art of Steampunk living.



The entire festival terrain opens at 10.00 h. The areas close at different times:

Meadow Fields	20.00 h
Market	20.00 h

Castle Domains	
Market	

20.00 h

Secret Garden Market

20.00 h 20.00 h

Woodland Village Market

18.00 h 18.00 h

20.00 h

CASTLEFEST MENU

drinks at our caterers. On this page, you will find a, sorted by area. All caterers offer vegetarian options.

From Friday to Monday between 7.00h and 10.00h Medieval Catering offers a delicious breakfast service at the Castefest Campsite, with coffee, tea, juice, sandwiches, croissants, and more.

You can find the most delicious food and You will also see the following icons next to the catering numbers:

This caterer has vegan options



On our website you will find a list of allergens per caterer per product. Scan the OR-code to visit the website.



*Please be careful in case of allergies. Cross-contamination cannot be completely ruled out.

- 1 Cooking Highlander Garlic Bread | Knobi (garlic bread)
- 2 Cooking Highlander Wedges & Stoof | Loaded wedges, and more
- **3** Cooking Highlander Braadworst | Bratwurst on a bun
- 4 Cooking Highlander Burgers | Hamburgers, pulled pork on a bun
- **5** Cooking Highlander BBQ. | Spareribs, ham, salmon, and more
- The Black Flower | Pirate bar with beer, wine, mead, soda, juice
- The Fudge Shop | Fudge, slush ice
- 8 Celtic Drinks Mead Bar | Mead

Castle Domains

- **Koek & Zopie** | Wide range of coffee options, tea, and more
- Vegan Spirit | Vegan paella, falafel, mango lassi, and more
- Handbrot & Apfelkrapfen | Stuffed bread and German apple fritters
- 12 Hemp Bakery | Stuffed Hemp bread
- The Irish Rover | Irish pub with fitting drinks
- Everts Fruitbar | Fruit salad, fresh juice and smoothies
- Vana Bar | Soda, (alcohol-free) beer, mead, radler, Fristi, chocolate milk, EARTH water
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- Kultura Slingerkoffie | Coffee, tea, iced coffee, iced tea
- **Cut the Crêpe** | Biological crêpes with sweet and savoury toppings
- Sir Scoop-a-lot | Artisinal ice cream, sorbet ice cream, mead ice cream
- **De Vrybuyter** | Meat skewers, pulled chicken wrap, corn
- De Hofboerderij | Various drinks, pastries, ice cream, wedges

Tooking Highlander Garlic Bread | Knobi (garlic bread) Woodland Village

- Cooking Highlander Wedges & Stoof | Loaded wedges, and more
- **Koek & Zopie** | Wide range of coffee options, tea, and more
- 33 Celtic Drinks Mead Bar | Mead
- Vana Bar | Soda, (alcohol-free) beer, mead, radler, Fristi, chocolate milk, EARTH water
- **35 Flammkuchen** | Flammkuchen, with meat and vegetarian
- Wodan's Worsten | Hotdogs, vega(n) hotdogs
- Frying Dutchman | Pirate fries, mushrooms, chicken wings, and hamburgers
- Wietse's Pie and More | English pie, sweet and savoury
- 39 Kürtőskalács Hilversum | Chimney bread
- Medieval Catering breakfast service | Coffee, tea, juice, sandwiches, croissants
- **Kultura Grab 'n Bite** | Fried cauliflower, onion rings, mushrooms, wedges
- **Kultura Slingerchips** | Slingerchips with various seasonings and sauces
- Dutch Draught | Specialty beers
- 64 Celtic Drinks Mead Bar | Mead
- Vana Bar | Soda, (alcohol-free) beer, mead, radler, Fristi, chocolate milk, EARTH water
- Soete Broodjes | Chimney bread
- Sir Scoop-a-Lot | Artisinal ice cream, sorbet ice cream, mead ice cream
- Koek & Zopie | Wide range of coffee options, tea, and more
- Everts Fruitbar | Fruit salad, fresh juices and smoothies
- Lángos Bistro | Lángos with various toppings
- 61 Garbräterei | Meat skewers, sausages, and more
- 62 Orkfritte | Falafel
- Pom-Pie | English pie, sweet and savoury
- Wiking Voer Andhrímnir | Salmon, smoked herring and more fish dishes

Secret Garden

- To English Pottery & Giftware | Muffins
- Sinners & Saints | Soda, beer, specialty beers, coffee, and more
- Harry Poffer | Waffles, poffertjes and cannoli

Wandering

Marskramers van Amsterdam | Pretzels with salt, cheese or apple

