



Frequently asked questions and answers

Nooitgedacht, Hof van Saksen – Opening new indoor waterslides: 19 July 2017.

1. What innovations have taken place at the resort in recent years?

In recent years, Hof van Saksen has innovated in many areas, for example the introduction of new farm types, the Bounz Arena, beach playground and the art exhibitions. A great deal has been invested in enhancing the experience for the whole family, with more extensive programmes including kids' theatre, teen outings with teen hosts and the dance academy. Investments have ensured a consistently high quality in the farms, with contemporary interiors and there are types of farm to suit every guest, from Wellness farm to Culinary farm. We have listened attentively to our guests, to ensure that they can really enjoy an exceptional holiday. And our latest innovation is particularly spectacular.

2. When will guests be able to use the water slides for the first time?

The water slides have been completed since July 19 2017.

3. Who is responsible for the architecture of the water slide?

Cor Kalfsbeek is the architect of the slide tower. He also designed the Saxon farms and the main building, Havezate. In 2016, Cor Kalfsbeek was voted winner of the Big Cultural Award Drenthe.

4. Which construction companies are involved in the project?

The water slides have been designed by Van Egdome B.V. from Vleuten. K3H Architecten (Nieuwleusen) and contractor Brands Bouwgroep BV (Emmen) are responsible for constructing the slide tower and the water slide foundation. Other parties involved: De Groot Installatietechniek (Emmen), Reinders Watertechniek (Groningen), Van Heteren Weg- en waterbouw (Hengelo)

5. Is there extra surveillance by the water slides?

Yes, there will be surveillance by the water slides.

6. Where can I find more information about the water slides?

At www.hofvansaksen.com/waterworld, www.facebook.com/hofvansaksen en [@hofvansaksen](https://twitter.com/hofvansaksen).

7. Will there be an extra charge for using the swimming pool or water slides?

No, no extra charge will be made for using the swimming pool or water slides. These will be accessible free of charge to guests of the resort.

8. Exactly how unique are the water slides?

1. The largest indoor water slide in the world: *a four-person slide for use with inflatables, with a funnel measuring 19 metres in diameter.*
2. The highest slide for use with inflatables in the Benelux: *a two-person slide for use with inflatables,*



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18.5 metres high.

3. The highest indoor speed slide in the Netherlands: *a body slide, 18.5 metres high.*

9. Are day guests also able to use the water slides?

The water slides will be open to all guests staying at Hof van Saksen. During school holidays and weekends, the swimming pool is open to resort guests only, due to high numbers. If you want to visit as a day guest, please contact Hof van Saksen in advance to check the availability of the waterslides.

10. How safe are the slides, given that they are so high and large, and do they pose any risks?

The slides have undergone safety testing and have been certified by a designated inspection body, of which there are three in the Netherlands. Specially trained lifeguards, known as swimming coaches, will supervise the slides, ensuring that guests obey the rules so that they and other guests can use the slides safely.

11. How much water do the slides use? Are they expensive to run and are they harmful to the environment?

The water will be heated to 29°C. Each hour, a total of 1250 m³ of water will be required for the four-person slide for use with inflatables. The amount of water required for the two-person slide for use with inflatables will be 200 m³ per hour. The speed slide/body slide will use 90m³ of water per hour. The water will be heated using renewable energy. A sustainable method will then be used for treating and cleaning the water prior to reuse.

12. Are there any age or height restrictions for guests wanting to use the slides?

For the slides, we advise a minimum height of 1.20 metres and it is mandatory to have a swimming certificate (stage 5). The minimum age to slide for Intenso is 7 (accompanied by an adult). For Bombo and Presto, this is at least 8.

13. What is the capacity of the slides?

On average, a maximum of six people will be able to go down the four-person slide for use with inflatables every minute. On average, a maximum of four people will be able to go down the two-person slide for use with inflatables every minute. On average, a maximum of three people will be able to go down the body slide every minute. This will, of course, depend on individual body weights.

14. How will the inflatables be brought to the top of the slide?

Guests will take the inflatables they are going to use up to the top of the slide themselves.

15. What speeds will guests be able to achieve on descending the slides?

Guests will be able to reach speeds of 50 km/h on the slides using inflatables. Speeds on the body slide will be higher and will be up to 60/70 km/h.

16. What makes these slides unique?

The funnel slide is the only one of its size that is entirely indoors. This is because of the weather in the Netherlands. As the slide will be indoors, we will be able to use it all year round (except when



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there is a thunderstorm).