

The Dutch Ice Sculpture Festival is going bigger and more magnificent than ever this year. From December 16, 2023, to February 25, 2024, the breathtaking world of crystal-clear ice and glistening snow descends upon the IJsselhallen in Zwolle. The finest ice artists from around the world are coming to Zwolle, where they will work their magic in a 1,200 m² large freezing hall, armed with 700,000 kg of snow and ice.

This year, the theme "Myths and Legends" takes center stage, with these ancient stories coming to life in ice and snow sculptures that reach heights of up to 6 meters. What makes these artworks even more magical are the added special effects involving light, sound, and projections that bring the sculptures to life. During the Christmas holiday, the atmosphere in the IJsselhallen will transform into a warm winter terrace, allowing visitors to enjoy an enchanting experience.

This festival aims to shine a special spotlight on myths and legends from various cultures and eras. From Greek mythology, featuring characters like Medusa and Icarus, to the mystique of the Chinese zodiac and the age-old enigmas surrounding the Loch Ness monster. What's remarkable about these stories is that they stand the test of time and continue to amaze and inspire us. Both the heroic tale of King Arthur and the mysterious underwater world of Atlantis are recognizable to people of all ages and will now be on display in ice and snow. The Dutch Ice Sculpture Festival promises to offer a journey through time and around the world, where the beauty of ice and snow blends with the magic of myths and legends.