



ONE CULTURE, TWO STATES, SIX DAYS, COUNTLESS AMOUNTS OF FUN ...

Best of the Midwest Amish

FEATURING HIGHLIGHTS FROM AMISH COUNTRY OF NORTHERN INDIANA AND HOLMES COUNTY, OHIO



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Day One, Two & Three

Arrival in Amish Country of Northern Indiana



Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail with a Master Gardener step-on guide includes stops and narration about the art of gardening and quilting in a one-of-a-kind annual color explosion featuring giant gardens planted in the shape of quilt patterns. See one, see all 19, as your schedule allows. *\$195 per 8 hour day (tip optional), reduced hours / rate available upon request*

Menno-Hof Amish Mennonite Interpretive Center explores the religious history and background of the Amish, Mennonite and Huterite people from their beginnings in Europe through their arrival in North America. *\$6 pp*

Authentic Amish Backroads experiences include a variety of options including an Amish buggy maker, coffin maker, one room schoolhouse or various additional options where you get up close and personal with Amish entrepreneurs perfecting their craft and honing their trade. *\$3 pp PER stop PLUS guide fee of \$195 for 8 hour day*



Build a Birdhouse at B&L Woodcrafts at the Amish workshop and furniture store. Hands-on. *Amish owned and operated. *\$16 pp*

Make-Bake-n-Take Shoofly Pie inside Amish Acres 8,000 sq. ft. bakery kitchen learning tips, techniques and baking secrets. *\$8 pp*

RV Manufacturing Plant Tours give insight into the world's inventory of Travel Trailers, 5th Wheels, Class C & A Motorhomes, Truck Campers and Fold-Downs, many handcrafted by the Amish in this area. See factory lines in action. *FREE*



Classic Car Cruise-In Night at Das Dutchman Essenhaus features a "blast from the past" as you compare makes, models, motors and memories as you explore on your own the numerous vehicles. Most Thursday evenings over 200 and sometimes 300 classic cars are found on the grounds. *Thursday night only June-September FREE*

Das Dutchman Essenhaus Dinner & Theatre offers traditional family recipes passed down through generations in Indiana's largest restaurant now seating over 1,100 guests. Enjoy the all-you-can-eat Buffet Dinner which includes 2 soups, salad bar, 4 entrées, numerous sides and cobblers/puddings for dessert with beverages. Then proceed to the NEW Heritage Hall for an enriching, creative, hopeful and suitable for the entire family theatre performance containing a message that's in keeping with Christian values. *\$33 per person including tax PLUS gratuity*

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Sonshine Baskets is an authentic Amish Country handcraft experience featuring lovely hand-woven baskets of every shape and for every purpose located inside this Old Order Amish owned and operated country shop Watch as family members demonstrate and talk about the processes of turning plain reed into something of beauty and function. *Amish owned and operated . *FREE*



Silver Star Leather is a quaint rural Amish shop filled with the irresistible aroma of finely cured leather. This Old Order Amish couple work with expertly tanned cowhides to rare skins like shark, python, eel and alligator. Watch as custom belts are hand cut. *Amish owned and operated. *FREE*

Ayr Kitchen Cabinet Factory Tour was founded as a dream to build truly custom cabinetry to the highest standards possible. Now located on a portion of the 60-acre homestead that once was the Miller family farm your tour will showcase the Amish passion, vision, and seasoned craftsmanship that goes in to each quality cabinet. *FREE*

Homemade Cinnamon Roll Making Demonstration & Tasting at an Amish family farm is a welcome break at an Amish homestead. Enjoy a homemade cinnamon roll, just out of the oven, plus coffee or tea as you watch Elaine, our Amish baker, demonstrate how she makes her special delicacy. *Amish owned and operated. *\$6 pp*



Round Barn Theatre at Amish Acres offers delightful Broadway musical favorites and classics performed in a beautiful, restored, state-of-the-art 1911 Round Barn complete with haysling and wooden rafters. *Repertory theatre offering 9 shows weekly April-December \$43.90 pp incl for family-style dinner & Broadway theatre*

Amish Quilt Heritage Presentation are conducted by nationally known vintage Indiana quilt collector, Rebecca Haarer, who will discuss the history of Amish quilting in a format she describes as a "quilt museum on the road". She will show vintage Amish quilts, discuss how they have been influenced by culture and point out how changes in society have affected the Amish and their quilts. *\$8.50 pp*



Amish Quilting Bee and dinner at the Amish farm of Elaine Jones as her friends and family join you around their quilting frames. You'll pick up a needle and thread, laugh and chat with the ladies, and pass the time away making new Amish friends who are just like yourself. Farm options available for those not interested. *Amish owned and operated. *\$30 pp with family style dinner & quilting bee, \$28 pp with haystack meal & quilting bee*

History and Shopping at Coppes Commons with Rocket Science Ice Cream is offered inside the Coppes Kitchens & Cabinets factory that once produced the famous "Hoosier Cabinet". Visit the historic "Hoosier Cabinet" museum, hear a fascinating historical glimpse into the Coppes Kitchens, once ordered by Frank Sinatra and President John F. Kennedy, and enjoy "out of this world" ice cream that is quick frozen right before your eyes with liquid nitrogen. *FREE - OR - Fee for ice cream*

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Day Four, Five and Six

Depart Amish Country of Northern Indiana for Holmes County, Ohio (approximately 4.75 hour drive, 264 miles)
Enjoy the following group friendly activities to be routed and scheduled based upon the day/month of your tour.

Step-on Guide includes a local expert to provide commentary and cultural insight into the Amish and Mennonite lifestyle and history of the area! Many of the guides are Amish or have lived in the area their entire lives and can also include beautiful scenic back country roads during the tour. *Guide fees vary depending on amount of time guide is requested.*



Hershberger Bakery and Farmers Market features the best fresh Amish baked goods featuring their famous fry pies, stuffed cookies, cream sticks, fresh local produce, locally made arts, crafts, and farm animals to enjoy looking at including Big King, largest Belgian Draft horse in the US! *Amish owned and operated. *FREE*

Troyer's Homemade Candies located in the Amish home of Lydia Troyer. Watch her make some of her specialty items such as buttery cashew crunch, crispy caramel puffs, cream truffles, buckeyes, turtle bars, and so much more! Her mother started the business in the 1960's so she could make an income at home while raising the children. *Amish cottage industry. *FREE - OR - \$5 pp for make/take buckeye candies*

Light for My Path Candles, watch Mary Troyer make her famous muffin candles, They Smell Delicious! is her motto! *Amish cottage industry. *FREE - OR - \$5 pp for make/take muffin candle*



The Amish Country Theater features Hee Haw style shows with hilarious comedy skits, live bluegrass music, fabulous ventriloquist Ken Groves, and lots of fun audience participation. They are building a BRAND new state of the art 600 seat theater, 80 room Inn, and large banquet facility opening spring of 2018! Their holiday show was rated a top 100 event by ABA last year! *Fees vary by show and package*

NEW Ohio Star Theater at the Dutch Valley Complex in Sugarcreek featuring Christian Musicals, Gospel Music, and seasonal entertainment. Enjoy the NEW state of the art gorgeous theater located right next to the beautiful Carlisle Inn and Dutch Valley Restaurant. Program for 2018 to be announced. Packages can include rooms at the Carlisle Inn, buffet dinner at Dutch Valley, and show tickets. *Call for details and updated show schedule! Rates are subject to show schedule.*



Warther Museums, Dover, featuring the priceless ebony and ivory steam engine carvings by the World's Master Carver, Mooney Warther featuring the knife factory, button house, and gardens. We also have the grandson, David Warther Museum featuring the carved ivory history of the sailing ship! Both places will do dinner tours at the museum. One of the best and finest events in our area! *\$10 pp - OR - \$35 pp for private dinner and tour*

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The Farm at Walnut Creek features a one hour wagon ride through a gorgeous 120 acre park filled with exotic animals from around the world. Feed them right from the wagon! Tour the Amish home and enjoy cookies in the kitchen! We can do lunches here, too. \$12 pp

Yoder's Amish Farm and home, tour two Amish homes similar to how they lived when they first came to American and how they live today. See the animals in the barn, take a buggy ride through the meadow, and visit a typical one room Amish school! \$12 pp for tour, buggy rides and school house

Lehman's Hardware and Country Store features the non electrical items the Amish use in their home along with locally made pottery, kitchen gadgets, toys, and so much more! We do a program here called "What is it?" Guest guess what the old fashioned products are and win prizes! *Thursday is livestock auction day so there are always a lot of buggies and people milling about town on Thursdays. *FREE*

Homestead Furniture Factory Tour and Showroom is where you can watch craftsmen make the fine quality wood products the Amish are known for then see the beautiful finished products. \$5 pp

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BOTH destinations offer famous, family-style cooking and tasty meals served at the table in large bowls and platters. From Amish Wedding Feasts to cooking demos featuring meals served at an Amish farm: real mashed potatoes, dressing, homemade noodles, a wide selection of farm fresh meats, home baked bread slathered with Amish peanut butter whip, apple butter or homemade jam, and assorted pies (sometimes topped with ice cream and homemade caramel sauce!). Your group won't leave hungry and won't believe their eyes as the food keeps coming and the sounds of "yum" keeping growing.

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