

KIDS' GRAND TIME

IN AMISH COUNTRY OF NORTHERN INDIANA



Plan a tour that spans **GENERATIONS.**

It's one big happy family as grandparents and grandkids have a grand time and make new friends. Relive TV and comic-book memories at a Super Hero museum. Step into history at a still operating gristmill. Milk a cow and see Amish farm life firsthand. Pass platters of home-made foods and finish with fresh-baked pie dining in an Amish home. Ride a carousel. Meet an Amish buggy maker. Visit a one-room Amish schoolhouse. Pet and feed camels at a real camel farm.

RECONNECT. HAVE A BLAST.

(and go home with lots to talk about and memories to share!)

NOTE: Prices subject to change without advance notice.

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KIDS' GRAND TIME 3 DAY / 2 NIGHT SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY ONE

(Depart for Amish Country of Northern Indiana)

10:00 a.m. Arrival, Elkhart



10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Hall of Heroes Super Hero Museum
[\$5 per adult, \$3 per child 10 and under]

Kids of all ages enjoy this fascinating museum. Take a look at one of the world's largest comic book and super hero collections featured on TV including the popular FX collectibles show. Have fun reliving plenty of TV memories. Slide down a Batpole and enter a Batcave replicated from the 1960's Batman TV show. And always be on the lookout for Superman!

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch at The Garden Cafe with outdoor fun for kids plus indoor shopping for grandparents at Linton's Enchanted Gardens
[\$12.83 pp incl for gourmet box lunch PLUS options - see list]

Enjoy Linton's Enchanted Gardens! Take a train ride around the grounds on the Linton's Express (optional fee). Pet the animals at the Linton's Petting Zoo. Shop for garden delights and home/gift décor plus fashion accessories. Enjoy lunch at the Garden Cafe featuring over one hundred handcrafted hot and cold drink choices plus fresh baked cookies all day long. Menu items include healthy breakfast offerings, custom made sandwiches, crisp garden salads and homemade soups featuring Linton's own locally grown seasonal herbs and garden vegetables. Groups enjoy a gourmet box lunch including your choice of sandwich served with Veggie Chips and Linton's own Mango Lime Salsa, a fresh baked cookie and soft drink.

2:30 p.m. Depart Elkhart for Bristol

2:45p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Bonneyville Mill, Bristol [\$3 pp adult or child]

Feel the floor shake as giant millstones rumble into action grinding grain into flour at Indiana's oldest continuously operating gristmill. A friendly miller tells all about the process and types of grain. Explore the 150 plus year-old mill where there's a story on every floor. The mill is picture perfect and the surrounding county park is ideal for a nature-filled walk along well marked paths.

3:30 p.m. Depart Bristol for Shipshewana



4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Amish Dairy Farm Tour, Buggy Ride and Milking
[\$20 per adult incl, \$10 per child ages 6 to 12, 5 and below free]

Hop aboard a horse-drawn Amish buggy to visit a 70-acre Amish family farm just outside of Shipshewana. Experience Amish farm life and have "hands-on" duties as the family milks Holstein cows. Here's a chance to milk a cow by hand, taste of milk fresh from the cow and help Amish farm kids hand-feed the baby calves. Great photo opportunities too! Buggy ride departs from downtown Shipshewana, followed by dairy farm tour and milking, followed by return buggy ride back to downtown Shipshewana.

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DAY ONE (cont)

Check in at your host hotel

7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Dinner at the South Side Soda Shop

[4 options listed below with pricing - options to be called in the morning of trip]

Dine in a restored diner with dining car and a 1940s soda fountain on classic American eats, shakes & malts. Featured on The Food Network "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" and in Gourmet magazine. In-house bakery, daily specials, fresh seafood, chili, homemade soups, sandwiches & pie. Choose in advance one of the following options for your entire group:

OPTION 1:

Choose two from: ½ salad (choose from tossed, greek or spinach salad) OR ½ sandwich (choose from tuna, egg or chicken salad) OR mug of soup (choose from chili, snapping turtle or soup of the day) served with assorted pie slices and beverage [\$15.18 pp incl tax & tip]

OPTION 2:

Cheeseburger & fries, served with pie slices and beverage [\$15.29 pp incl tax & tip]

OPTION 3:

Full Sandwich (choose from turkey club croissant, Veggie Pita, Breaded Pork Tenderloin, or Reuben) served with dish of ice cream and beverage [\$14.39 pp incl tax & tip]

OPTION 4:

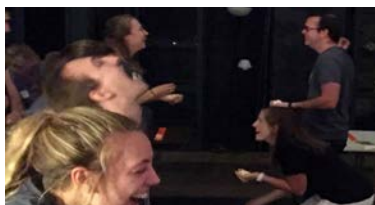
Full Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich served with dish of ice cream and beverage [\$15.93 pp incl tax and tip]

Return to your host hotel following dinner

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

NEW!! Popcorn Olympics in your host hotel [\$10 pp incl (adults or children) with small bag of either Windy City or Jelly Bean flavored popcorn bags for each person OR select Premium Flavor Game - \$13.50 pp incl (adults or children) with one large bag of either Buckeye or Flavor of the Month popcorn bags per person]

Compete against your teammates in this fun, interactive game. Race the clock, test your skills, and munch on freshly popped kernels as you have fun. Some games are independent, some in teams of 2 or more. Winning teams receive their medals too. Bronze Medal Winners (3rd place) - receive one ½ gal. Filled with Buckeye flavored popcorn. Silver Medal Winners (2nd place) - receive one gal. Filled with Windy City flavored popcorn and Gold Medal Winning Team (1st place) - receives one 2 gal. sampler Filled with three best selling flavors of Buckeye, Cheddar, and Caramel To Die For popcorn, enough to share!



MOUTH TOSS - start together and take one step back if make it.

POPCORN TOOTHPICK SWAP - move one piece of popcorn in another bowl.

STRAW BLOW - see who can move it the farthest with straw.

TOSS UP - toss piece in air and catch in mouth. (timed)

DISTANCE THROW - throw piece and see who throws it the farthest.

CUP CATCH - throw and catch with cup.

DAY TWO

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast at your host hotel

8:30 a.m.

Depart hotel for Goshen

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DAY TWO (cont)



9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

“Udderly” Fun at Knollbrook Farm

[**\$5 pp for dairy farm, \$7 pp for dairy farm WITH corn maze**]

See plenty of contented cows touring family-operated Knollbrook Farm in Goshen. It's one of only ten robotic dairy farms in Indiana using cutting-edge technology and sustainable practices in maintaining their herd of more than 100 dairy cows. Watch as their “girls” are pampered relaxing on the regularly aerated compost bedding pack (soft, fluffy, sustainable bedding) and roam freely with no stalls to hamper their movements. Then observe how they line up for their “candy” treat while being robotically milked. And

where there are dairy cows there are always irresistibly cute calves. Groups love the chance to get close to these “cuties” to pet and feed them. Great photo op too! The farm also provides plenty of fun photo ops around the “cow” and “spider” made of hay bales. Come autumn (mid-Sept-Oct) their giant corn maze, pumpkin sling shot and carpet ball are extra sure-to-please activities. Guarantee your group an “udderly” fun day and plan a tour of Knollbrook Farm.

10:00 a.m.

Depart Goshen for Shipshewana

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

NEW!! Pretzel Demo Hands-on Class at Ben’s Pretzels Shipshewana Amish

Barn [**\$5 pp incl for 50 or more people, \$7 pp incl for 20-50 people, \$10 pp incl for up to 10 people**]

Ben’s Pretzels was founded in 2004 by Ben and Elizabeth Miller an Amish family from Shipshewana Indiana, needing to provide for their family. Ben and his wife, 3rd generation Amish bakers, spent years perfecting the Amish/Dutch dough recipe that makes a perfect soft pretzel. Ben’s has grown to over 71 locations nationwide as well as a mobile/concession program. Ben’s pretzels are preservative free. Today your group will enjoy a short presentation highlighting Ben’s story and history of the company followed by an opportunity to roll your own pretzel, watch it being baked before your eyes.



11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ride a Carousel & Lunch on your own

inside the Davis Mercantile [**\$1 pp per ride for carousel**]

Life’s a merry-go-round taking a ride aboard an elaborate 1906 Carousel inside the Davis Mercantile. The German brothers who created the carousel animals were known for their attention to detail, and one hundred years later it still shows! See the original working parts of the assembled carousel such as the gears, the braces, and the center pole. After the ride browse the 24 shops found on three floors of this handsome building and enjoy lunch on your own at a variety of locations. Grandkids and grandparents are sure to find that special something.

1:15 p.m.

Meet your guide at the Davis Mercantile

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Amish Backroads Guided Tour

[**\$195 total for guide (tip optional) PLUS \$6 pp incl for Camel/Schoolhouse/Buggy Shop stops**]

Meet Amish business owners and see first-hand how they use their special talents to create products that serve the local Amish community and beyond. Get a behind the scenes look in a one-room Amish schoolhouse. Then, Got Milk? Imagine seeing camels, “ships of the desert,” living happily on an Amish farm. For thousands of years camels have been prized for their milk, and this Amish farm is one of only five milk-producing camel farms in the US. Today this ancient form of sustenance is the latest craze for treating a variety of illnesses ranging from diabetes to autism. Pet camels, feed them treats and have fun learning about the wonders of camel’s milk. See how Amish buggies are made by hand in an Amish workshop. While touring today you will also have a chance to stop for tastings & shopping at Rise & Roll Bakery for “melt in your mouth” donut samples and Heritage Ridge Creamery for yummy cheese samples.

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DAY TWO (cont)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cook's Buffalo Ranch Tour & Dinner Buffet, Wolcottville [\$23 pp incl for dinner; \$17 pp incl for under age 12]

Take a hay-wagon ride with your local expert guide into the pasture to hand feed the great American Bison in its own habitat. Learn the intricacies of raising, feeding and managing this wild animal. A unique experience for all ages. Dinner tonight is an old fashioned chuck-wagon bar-b-que that groups love featuring bison roast and pulled pork, baked potato or baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce, corn muffin, dessert, and beverage. (tour on arrival, followed by dinner)

Return to your host hotel after your evening

DAY THREE

Breakfast at your host hotel and Check-out

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Kercher's Sunrise Orchard "Apple Guided Tour" [\$5 per child, \$4 per adult]

Combine fun with an educational agricultural experience as Maureen Kercher tells all about running a modern day apple orchard and farm. Maureen has 25 years of experience in talking with groups all ages, and her sense of humor and appreciation of what it takes to operate the business shines as bright as her smile.

THE APPLE GUIDED TOUR INCLUDES:

- Apple Picking ... (3) apples each
- Hay Ride - over hill over dale ... safe, fun and a great farm experience (about a 15 min. ride)
- (1) Really Cool Gourd ... Gourds come in all shapes and sizes and everyone goes out to the big gourd patch to find their favorite gourd to take home. It is like a big scavenger hunt and kids love it. Little surprises are planted along the way such as sunflowers and Indian corn.
- (1) Super Cute Apple Sipper cup ... filled to the brim with Kercher's fresh, sweet apple cider.
- A walk on the Corny Side ... a walk designed to do just that- a walk through the corn field with "corny" jokes and surprises along the way. A delightful scarecrow stands tall to make sure you don't get lost.
- For the older kids ... a wonderful video on, "Just what does it take to grow apples and get them ready for the grocery stores." (20 minutes)
- (1) "Welcome to our Apple Farm" coloring book

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Candy Mecca at the Wakarusa Dime Store [no admission fee]

Satisfy anyone's sweet tooth at the Wakarusa Dime Store, famous for old-fashioned candy treats. The dime store's Jumbo Jellybeans are famous - they ship over 35 tons per year throughout the world. Free samples of their most popular treats are offered. Pick a favorite. Hot cinnamon? Black Licorice? Orange? Grape? Plus the dime store has huge variety of nostalgia candy including Necco wafers, Chuckles, Buns, and Boston Baked Beans to name a few. Grandpas and grandsons may want to stop in the nostalgic Wakarusa Hardware store with its floor to ceiling "wall of 1,000 drawers."

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch at an Amish farmstead [\$19 per adult incl]

Sit down to dinner at an Amish family-farm. It's almost like Thanksgiving (with someone else doing the cooking) passing large bowls and platters heaped with tasty fresh-from-the kitchen and garden foods. And Amish hosts are happy to chat and answer questions. Be sure to save room for homemade pie – there's always plenty of choices.

Depart for home

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT LINTON'S ENCHANTED GARDENS

(purchase for EACH child OR have them pay on their own)

Bumper Boats [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

Just like the car except on water! Have tons of fun bumping into your friends on these inflatable boats.

- Each rider must purchase a ticket at the Customer Service Counter
- Ride is for children five years and older
- Each boat has a 165 lb. weight limit
- Only one person per boat
- This attraction lasts for 5 minutes
- Linton's is not liable for any injury

Enchanted Railroad [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

A fun, relaxing narrated tour of our 9 acre Garden Centre aboard Linton's Enchanted Express Train. We'll traverse past our display beds, thru our plant nursery, around our pond, past the petting zoo and thru the train tunnel before pulling up to the Train Depot.

- Each rider must purchase a \$3.99 ticket at the "Customer Service Counter".
- The Easter Eggspress and Pumpkin Patch Express rides are \$4.99 pp and include Easter Goodie Bag or small pumpkin.
- Children under 1 year are free with a paying adult.
- Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by a paying adult.
- The narrated train ride lasts approximately 15-20 minutes.
- After purchasing your ticket, take it to the Train Depot for the attraction attendant.

Gem Stone Mining [Choose from different varieties starting at \$5.99 a bag up to \$19.99]

You and your family can 'pan' for your jewels at the mine. Select and purchase your gem bag at the Customer Service Counter.

Hand Paddle Aqua Boats [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

Have tons of fun on a hot summer day paddling around the shallow pond in our paddle boats! You will have plenty of time to explore the whole pond!

- Each rider must purchase a ticket at the Customer Service Counter
- Ride is for children 6 years old and older
- Kid boats have a 130 lb. weight limit
- Adult boats have a 250 lb. weight limit
- Only one person per boat
- This attraction lasts for 5 minutes
- Linton's is not liable for any injury

Japanese Koi Feeding [\$0.50 pp]

This activity brings fun and giggles to all who do it! Enjoy feeding hundreds of our aquatic friends clamoring for your undivided attention. The fish feeding station is located near our Lighthouse.

Mini Excavator [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

We supply the machinery, you supply the fun! Our mini excavator lets you move soil from one area to the other, using a mini version of the real thing!

- Each rider must purchase a token at the Customer Service Counter
- Ride has a 250 lb. weight limit
- Only one guest on excavator at a time
- No guests are allowed inside the fenced in area
- This attraction lasts for 5 minutes
- Linton's is not liable for any injury

Pedal Go Karts [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

Weave in and around the trees while racing around the track with the foot powered pedal cars.

- Each rider must purchase a ticket at the Customer Service Counter
- Ride is for adults and children (five years and older.)
- Only one person per go kart. (No children allowed on lap)
- No crashing into the wall or bumping other drivers
- This attraction lasts for 5 minutes
- Linton's is not liable for any injury

Hand Pedal Train Ride [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

Zip around the train track with our unique hand peddle cars. See how many times you can make it around! Race against your friends or family!

- Each rider must purchase a ticket at the Customer Service Counter
- Ride is for children two years and older
- Adults may only ride on the red "Adult train car"
- This attraction lasts for 5 minutes

Kids Tree House [Free]

Bring the kids and let them explore the tree house. They can climb up inside the tree, then back down on the spiral slide, or swing from the extended branch! The tree house also has a talk tube and look out window. Located in the Garden Centre.

Petting Zoo & Bird Aviary [Free to view; \$0.50 to feed]

Sit in the shade and relax while watching and visiting our furry and feathered animal friends. Our Petting Zoo is located in the southwest area of our Garden Center.

- Please enjoy our animals!
- Petting and feeding is done at your own risk. Do not feed your fingers or popcorn to the animals, it makes them sick!
- Please do not feed the pigs! They are on a controlled diet so we can keep them healthy.
- Linton's is not liable for any injury

Quad Cycle Family Bike [\$8.99 group discount per group of up to 4 (regular \$9.99)]

Take an enjoyable bike tour of our gorgeous Garden Centre, peddle around Lake Linton. Travel past the Petting zoo, then zoom thru the train tunnel. Then do it all over again!!!

- Quad cycle is for ONLY 4 persons at a time (No children allowed on laps)
- One person per seat
- No standing allowed on back of Quad Cycle
- Each group must purchase a ticket at the Customer Service Counter; one ticket may be used for admission for up to 4
- Hands and feet must remain in the Bike at all times
- The length of the attraction is two 'loops' around Linton's Garden Centre
- Return the Quad Cycle to the Train Depot at end of second lap
- The Quad Cycle is not meant to carry plants or other garden center items, it is only for recreational use
- Linton's is not liable for any injury

Quilt Garden [Free]

One of the many gorgeous Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail. Our Quilt Garden is located on the north side of our main building and features 6 huge garden plots of glorious color from May to October!

Shooting Gallery [1 game = \$2.00 , 3 games = \$5.00]

Try your luck at shooting the moving targets, or the roosting chicken, or any of the other varmints in the Shooting Gallery. Located in our Annual House.

Swan Paddle Boat [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

Take a relaxing tour around Lake Linton aboard the Swan peddle boat. Watch the resident Koi follow you around the pond. Fits up to a family of 5!

- Each rider must purchase a ticket at the Customer Service Counter
- All Swan Paddle Boat guests must wear life vests and guests must remain seated at all times
- Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by a paying adult on the Swan Paddle Boat
- Swan Paddle Boat rides are for up to four guests and last for 5 minutes
- Linton's is not liable for any injury

Water Orbs [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

- Water orbs are for our guests 5 years and older (only 1 guest per orb)
- Water orbs are tethered, and will be retrieved after five minutes
- Water orb users under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult who will remain on the dock
- Shoes must be removed prior to getting into the water orbs
- Linton's is not liable for any injury

Zorb Ball [\$2.99 pp group discount (regularly \$3.99 pp)]

Zorb Ball is a unique sport rolling experience and is designed for those who are seeking to get excitement. The zorb ball is double-sectioned which has one ball inside the other with an air layer between. It is a 'ball of fun'!

- Each rider must purchase a ticket at the Customer Service Counter
- Zorb is for our guests 5 years and older (only 1 guest per zorb)
- Zorb users under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult who will remain near the attraction
- Shoes must be removed prior to getting into the zorb
- Linton's is not liable for any injury