



Girlfriends, Giggles & Gifts Getaway

Get ready for miles of smiles on a tour ... with a distinctly feminine flair.

See exquisite quilts and Quilt Gardens. Watch artisans at work in their studios. Visit Amish homes and discover secrets to making melt-in-your-mouth cinnamon rolls. Sniff and sample at a perfumery. Enjoy wine tastings and cooking classes. Take in a delightful Broadway style musical. Bag some fun and lots of goodies on an Amish backroads shopping excursion.

That's just a sampling of the fun in store on this tour ... designed for girls of all ages.

Elkhart Goshen Middlebury Nappanee Bristol Wakarusa & Shipshewana

NOTE: Prices subject to change without advance notice.

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GIRLFRIENDS, GIGGLES & GIFTS GETAWAY 3 DAY / 2 NIGHT SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY ONE (Depart for Amish Country of Northern Indiana, Nappanee)

2:00 p.m. Arrival in Nappanee

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ice Cream Treats & Historical Feats at Coppes Commons in Nappanee - ice cream treat on arrival from Rocket Science

[\$5 pp incl, followed by self-guided tour/shopping; no fee]

Nappanee's colorful history comes alive when touring Coppes Commons. Originally the factory for Coppes Cabinets that once produced the famous "Hoosier Cabinet," the 100,000 s.f. renovated factory now houses a variety of small businesses perfect for shopping for locally made, hand crafted and fresh baked. Groups are given a fascinating historical glimpse into the Coppes Kitchens on this self-guided tour, once ordered by Frank Sinatra and President John F. Kennedy, while touring this rustic and rambling brick structure. Then enjoy an "out of this world" ice cream that is flash frozen right before your eyes at over 320 degrees below zero from Rocket Science.

3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Paint an Amish Quilt Barn Art piece inside the Nappanee Center [\$15 pp incl]

Sit down with local artist, Linda Pieri and be shown painting secrets developed throughout the ages. Linda has taught over 1000 people in the art of acrylic painting encouraging them to "not just look at what you are drawing or painting, but to see what is really there." You will be able to observe a demonstration and follow step-by-step instructions that will help you create your own masterpiece. This is not a paint by number situation. Linda helps each person discover the creative artist inside of each of them. Everything is provided including: easel, canvas, acrylic paints, brushes, brush basins, palettes, and paint clothes. Acrylic paintings are on 5" x 7" canvas board postcards. Everyone leaves with a finished painting that they will be proud of. Class takes place inside the Nappanee Center which is a site of an official Quilt Garden PLUS historical Nappanee exhibits. Time will be included to explore the Quilt Garden and exhibits.

5:30 p.m. Check-in at your host hotel

6:15 p.m. Depart for the evening

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Haystack dinner at Yoder's Homestyle Banquets with Amish buggy rides
[\$21 pp incl PLUS \$5 pp incl for Amish Buggy Rides]

The Amish often host fund-raisers to help families pay for unexpected hospital bills or other needs. The Haystack Meal originated for this type of event because families could donate vegetables grown in their gardens and beef raised on their farms without having to purchase many ingredients. The goal is to create a haystack shape by layering the ingredients into a hearty blend of flavors and textures. It may not sound like it goes together, but trust us, it's delicious. Your meal this evening is at Yoder's Homestyle Banquets, the home of Henry & Carolyn Yoder. Following your meal you will have an opportunity to ride in the Yoder's personal buggies down the country gravel lanes for an enjoyable summer evening.

Return to your host hotel following your evening

DAY TWO

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at your host hotel

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DAY TWO (cont)

8:00 a.m. Meet your guide at your host hotel

8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Grab Bag Backroads Tour & Quilt Gardens of Amish Country
[\$195 total for guide (tip optional for guide) PLUS \$16 pp incl for bag items.
Bag is provided with goodies at each stop including 4 items from Amish stores.]

Travel scenic backroads passing horse-drawn buggies, tidy farm homes and white-washed barns. Learn about the fascinating lifestyle of the Amish as your knowledgeable guide tells all about the area and the history, traditions, and customs of the Amish. You'll stop at a variety of welcoming country stores and quaint shops as you load up your brown bag with goodies. Choose your specific 4 stops from a variety of options. While traveling enjoy some of the beautiful Quilt Gardens along the way.

Your day will include the following with the guide to determine final routing/timing:

GRAB BAG OPTIONS - please choose (4) Grab Bag Stops:

Amish bakery | Amish jelly maker | Fruit Butter Maker | Amish leather shop | Amish noodle maker | Popcorn Shop | Amish Cheese factory
Amish wind chimes | Amish Toy Maker | Amish Chocolate Maker | E&S Bulk Food Store

- Amish rug weaving demo & Cookie break [PLUS \$3 pp incl]

Leo & Lorene Miller welcome you to their Old Order Amish home where Leo has been handweaving rag rugs for years. Taught by his family, Leo will demonstrate how he weaves and creates his beautiful and functional rugs. Meanwhile Lorene, his wife, will serve you her fresh from the oven cookies and cold lemonade as both the Miller's welcome your group and answer questions about their personal Amish lifestyle.

- Lunch on their own at a location determined by the guide

- Great Life Tours "Meet & Make" program - create a Wooden Quilt Block at Teaberry Wood Products [\$28 pp incl]

Meet LaVern and Rachel, the Amish-Mennonite dynamic duo that has made Teaberry Wood Products one of our most requested stops. Together with their family they produce beautiful wooden baskets, whimsical vertical puzzles, charcuterie boards and charming home décor. Groups enjoy one-on-one time with this artisan team as they create a quilt block pieced entirely exotic and local hardwoods. Participants leave with a work of art worthy of gifting or kept as a treasured memory of their travels. Highly collectible, a new pattern will be offered each season—keeping it fresh and new year after year. This meet & make opportunity is endlessly customizable with two frame choices and optional seasonal or decorative laser engraved center tiles.

- Fruit Hills Winery Wine Tasting PLUS Old Hoosier Meats Appetizer Trays [\$15 pp incl for wine tasting including cheese/cracker/meat trays]

David & Michelle Muir invite you to join their family inside their brand new wine tasting room in the scenic fruit hills of Bristol. Featuring several varieties such as Riesling, Cabernet and Traminette (Indiana's signature wine). Your group will be seated under the new open air pavilion sampling 18 different wines (1/2 ounce each) while hearing direct from David, the Vintner, as he shares the history, tones, and notes of each wine. Assorted Cheese, cracker and meat trays will be offered to compete the experience. After your tasting, shop for a bottle to take home, buy a glass of your favorite, or simple enjoy the view and the conversation

4:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Amish Acres "Bonnetts & Britches" package including the guided house & farm tour & documentary film, Threshers Dinner, & "TBD" in the Round Barn Theatre PLUS Make-Bake-n-Take Shoofly Pie at Amish Acres
[\$54.95 pp incl PLUS \$7 pp incl for the pie making class]

Begin by stepping into the Amish kitchen. Groups can now learn first-hand the secrets to baking "The Best" Shoofly pie, as picked by the Chicago Tribune. All ages are welcome to participate and will be hosted in the Amish Acres' 8,000 square foot kitchen that produces, as an example, 1,000 pies during the four day Arts and Crafts Festival every August. Each participant gets their shoofly pie and a souvenir recipe card. While your pie cools, view the Documentary film and take the House & Farm Walking Guided tour through the historic Stahley-Nissly-Kuhns farmstead listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Following your tours, sit down and enjoy Amish Acres famous family style Threshers Dinner in the century old barn restaurant. Top off the evening with live musical theatre in the majestic 1911 Round Barn Theatre offering a repertoire of Broadway style musical productions through the 10 month season.

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DAY TWO (cont)

Depart following the theatre production

DAY THREE

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at your host hotel / Check-out

8:30 a.m. Meet your guide in the hotel lobby

8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Heritage Trail Guide for the day [\$195 total (tip optional)]

Continue your girls adventure with the following stops to be routed/timed by the guide:

- **Ben's Pretzels Make your own Pretzel demo** [\$5 pp incl for 50 or more people, \$7 pp incl for 20-50 people, \$10 pp incl for 10-19 people]
Bens 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. 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. Beverages are included for your tasty handmade afternoon snack.

- **Shopping in downtown Shipshewana at the Davis Mercantile** [no admission fee]
Visit downtown Shipshewana where the streets are filled with shops & stores filled with crafts, apparel, food, quilts, jewelry, handbags, home décor and art. There is something for everyone in each "home" converted in to a shop. Wander and explore for your favorite find and "must have" memory to take home.

- **Homemade Cinnamon Roll Making Demonstration & Soup/Salad Luncheon at The Carriage House, an Amish family farm** [
\$6 pp incl for cinnamon rolls PLUS \$19 pp incl for luncheon]
Enjoy a homemade cinnamon roll, just out of the oven, plus coffee or tea as you watch Elaine, the Amish baker, demonstrate how she makes her special delicacy. Take home some of the rolls to share with your family or friends. Cost includes a cinnamon roll, beverage, demonstration and rolls for taking home. While in Elaine's Carriage House, enjoy her fresh-picked-from-the-garden (seasons vary) homemade soups & salads served to the table with fresh baked bread, homemade apple butter and of course, delicious pie.

- **Annie Oakley Perfumery Studio Tour** [\$5 pp incl]
Learn the enchanting story of how a fragrance and its brand is born on this fun adventure through this perfumery. Meet perfumer and owner Renee Gabet as you take a walking tour thru the perfumery process including the bench lab where fragrances are created and blended to bottling and distribution. See perfumes being hand-made and have an amazing sensory experience including some rare and vintage essences. Sample more world class fragrances and essences in the gift shop after your tour and perhaps even create your own signature personalized fragrance just for you!

3 p.m. Say good-bye to your guide & depart area for home

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Ask for other touring options to extend your tour