

Luck of the Irish, Taste of the Amish East Frolic Tour

Enjoy the thrill of visiting the University of Notre Dame. Glimpse the luxurious lifestyle of the "Gilded Age" in mansions and an auto museum. Try pumpkin bowling or pumpkin picking.

Travel scenic byways bursting with fall color on a spicy culinary adventure through Amish Country.

Spend time with Amish women in their homes and workplaces. Be a kid again boarding a hay wagon to pick apples or heading out to a corn maze. Then add a rustic gristmill, lively theatre, and tasty "comfort" foods and you've captured the splendor of fall wrapped into one amazing tour.

NOTE: Prices subject to change without advance notice.

3 DAY / 2 NIGHT ITINERARY



LUCK OF THE IRISH, TASTE OF THE AMISH FALL FROLIC TOUR

DAY ONE

Arrival in South Bend and Notre Dame, Indiana

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

University of Notre Dame Walking Guided Tour [\$50 per student guide, note one guide per 25 people (tip optional)]

Experience the mystique of the University of Notre Dame with a guided walking tour of the beautiful historic campus. Meet your graduate student guide at the Visitors Center for tour of campus with the 20 minute movie shown in the Eck Visitors Center. Allow time for shopping at Notre Dame's 30,000 sq. ft. bookstore, complete with crystal, china and a grand piano.

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tippecanoe Place Lunch [\$22 pp incl]

Tippecanoe Place, with four main levels totaling 40 rooms and 20 fireplaces, is the embodiment of everything great wealth in the late 1800's could suggest. The 26,000 square-foot mansion was designed by Henry Cobb and built by local craftsmen for the Clement Studebaker family. Work on Tippecanoe Place was completed in 1889 at a total cost of \$250,000. It would serve as the setting for many lavish parties, weddings, and balls. Guests would arrive by carriage and enter through the west doors. They would board the elevator - one of the first in the country - and be whisked upstairs to freshen up. The formally clad ladies and gentlemen would then descend the Grand Staircase into the Reception Area. Then, as today, Tippecanoe Place was known for its hospitality and as a gracious setting for fine dining. Lunch is a served plated meal.



2:15 p.m - 4:00 p.m.

Studebaker National Museum & The History Museum

[Campus Package Tour; \$10 pp incl]

Admire nearly 70 timeless vehicles, including one-of-a-kind classics like the 1934 Bendix, the 1956 Packard Predictor concept car and President Lincoln's Carriage. Tour its 50,000-square-foot "production line" and see military trucks and vehicles with state-of-the art lifts. Revisit the early years of Studebaker and witness Studebaker's successful transition from horse-drawn to gasoline-powered vehicles. View the family's 1835 Conestoga Wagon, Presidential coupes from the 1930s and a 1916 Six fifty Touring Car. Enjoy the interactive learning stations and specialty exhibits. Self-guided tours of Studebaker Museum. Located on the same museum

campus as the Studebaker museum, enjoy the impressive Oliver Mansion (makers of the famous Oliver plow) along with artifacts from northern Indiana on a guided tour of Copshaholm.

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2:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Indiana Whiskey Company Tour, Tasting & Shopping [\$5 pp incl]

At the Indiana Whiskey Company you will discover the rich history behind this delicious spirit. The intoxicating tour of the tasting rooms and production floor, lasts for 30-45 minutes and throughout the tour, you will not only learn the way bourbon is created, from start to finish, but you will also learn about the long history of Whiskey and where it began. Each station during the tour provides you with a hands-on experience, full of knowledge and fun. Because the owner of is a Veteran and a Notre Dame graduate, the company is deeply rooted in Irish and Notre Dame culture. The end of the tour allows for customers to become a distiller themselves and get involved in some of the chemistry of making bourbon. You can use a hydrometer, proof your own bourbon, bottle, label and number, and then you can take the bottle home that you created. This family owned and operated company is deeply rooted in the history and culture of Indiana, and all of their products (bottles, barrels, and grains) come from Indiana. Time included for shopping or additional cocktail purchases/enjoyment.

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Depart South Bend for Amish Country of Northern Indiana

Check-in at your Amish Country hotel



5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner, Train Ride, Pumpkin Bowling and Scarecrow Making at Linton's Enchanted Gardens

[\$12.84 pp incl for soup / sandwich PLUS \$5 pp incl for train ride with pick a pumpkin included PLUS \$10 pp incl for make your own scarecrow PLUS \$2 pp incl for Pumpkin Bowling]

Say "boo" at Linton's Enchanted Gardens during an evening filled with pumpkins and fall fun! Make your own "life size" scarecrow to take home and decorate your yard. Bowl with a pumpkin on the indoor "pumpkin bowling lanes". Take the Linton's Express Train around the scenic gardens back to the pumpkin patch to pick a perfect pumpkin then re-board. Shop in the 25,000 sq. ft. gift, décor and garden emporium for ladies apparel, jewelry, Vera Bradley,

home décor and themed gift items. Enjoy the enchanted gardens filled with plants from near and far and a petting zoo.

Dine in 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. Your group will enjoy your choice of a gourmet sandwich served with a cup of seasonal soup along with a fresh baked cookie and soft drink. NOTE: Wine is served for dinner at an optional on-your-own of \$5.99-\$7.99 per glass range.

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6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Amish Acres Family Style Threshers Dinner & Round Barn Theatre Broadway Show [\$43.90 pp incl] NOTE: Wine and beer is available to purchase at the table individually by guests

Enjoy Amish Acres famous family style Threshers Dinner in the century old barn restaurant. Start your dining experience with thick ham 'n bean soup served from cast iron kettles, baskets of homemade Hearth bread, sweet & sour cabbage salad and sweet & sour pickles. Then pass around heaping platters filled to the brim with your choice of two farm fresh meats served with brimming bowls of beefy egg noodles, fluffy mashed potatoes, flavorful sage dressing, and giblet gravy. Top it all off with tins of fresh baked pies and hot coffee. Your

evening continues in the majestic 1911 Round Barn Theatre with a Broadway Musical production on the Joseph Stein stage. This professional theatre company offers a variety of shows in repertoire with both matinée and evening performances. Choose from 9 show times most weeks to fit in your itinerary. *Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Theatre at 8 p.m. Choose two meats from Broasted Chicken, Cider Baked Ham, Roasted Turkey or Tender Beef Roast*

Return to your host hotel after your evening

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DAY TWO

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

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



8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Backroads Fall Frolic Tour [\$195 total for guide (tip optional) plus \$16 pp for (4) items included]

We put a new twist on the popular Brown Bag Tour. Pack your bag on this fresh, fun Fall Frolic through Amish Country enjoying a culinary journey through brilliantly fall colored countryside. Throughout the day gather the ingredients for an apple or pumpkin treat. Dip a caramel apple and participate in a pie making demo. Visit a pumpkin patch, relish the scents and spices of autumn, and relive your childhood memories of bonfires and hayrides. Travel byways passing fiery hued trees and gravel country roads to experience the best of autumn in Amish Country. By the end of the day your bag will be overflowing with delectable goodies and memories to be treasured.

Timing and routing determined by guide for the following requested stops:

Bonneyville Mill [\$2 pp]

One of the most photographed spots in Elkhart County, this handsomely restored mill is the oldest continuously operating gristmill in Indiana. It's been producing flour for over 150 years. Hear the rumbling of huge millstones grinding grain into flour as the friendly miller tells all about the process. Flour and cornmeal is for sale, so be sure to take home a bag. The beautiful county park surrounding the mill offers the perfect opportunity for a scenic fall walk and photo. Make sure and ask for the corn bread recipe. Yummy!

Lunch at South Side Soda Shop, Goshen [pricing varies by option]

Dine in a restored diner with dining car & 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 from four options for your entire group.

Sunrise Orchard [\$5 pp incl]

Step on board for an old-fashioned hayride into Indiana's largest apple orchard. Learn all about apple varieties, planting and growing then watch the processing for sweet apple cider. Nothing says fall like biting into a juicy, just picked apple and sipping freshly-pressed cider on an autumn day. Enjoy both! A free cup of cider and apple are included for each person with this guided tour.

"Udderly" Fun at Knollbrook Farm plus Corn Maze [\$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 and pumpkin sling shot are extra sure-to-please activities. Guarantee your group an "udderly" fun day and plan a tour of Knollbrook Farm.

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4:30 p.m.

Say good-bye to your guide Freshen up and relax at your hotel

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fiddler's Hearth Irish "Craic" Party Luncheon with Kennedy's Kitchen Irish Band [pricing varies by option PLUS \$400 Irish music]

Irish storytelling, jokes and fabulous food are all combined for an authentic Irish experience! It's a sing-a-long, a cultural experience and an exceptional event. Kennedy's Kitchen is a family who has been making Irish music together since 1998, averaging about 80 shows per year playing everything from backyard parties and weddings to pubs, concert halls, and national festivals. Based at home in South Bend, Indiana, they love to gather for dinner, laughter, and music rooted in traditional Irish Music, jigs, reels, hornpipes, aires, recitations, stories, and songs . . . adding their own compositions along the way. It's a mix of all things Irish from traditional to pub songs, from toe-tapping to deeply moving . . . and it's always fun. They play fiddle, flutes, whistles, mandolin, bouzouki, guitar, tenor banjo, harmonica, bohdran, and bass. And they love to sing!

Your host dining location is Fiddler's Hearth...a public house. Fiddler's Hearth provides guests with a place to gather and share good homemade food, drink, music, dance, and opinions. You'll enjoy a warm, friendly, atmosphere in the true spirit of a public house. "Craic" is a gaelic term for an atmosphere charged with excitement and fun. It cannot be forced, but must occur naturally. Fiddler's has been blessed with such an atmosphere.

Return to your host hotel after your evening

DAY THREE

6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast at your host hotel Check-out



9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Shipshewana Flea Market & Auction

[no admission fee]

The Shipshewana Flea Market is a do-not-miss Hoosier tradition featuring 700+ booths in an open-air market that covers over 40 acres. Vendors offer a variety of products and truly have something for everyone - quirky novelties, fresh seasonal produce and plants, crafts, home decor, dollar items, clothes, paper goods, jewelry, baked goods, t-shirts and everything in between. Open rain or shine. There are 4 food courts, a sit-down restaurant, and many food vendors and rest areas. The antique auction barn, open Wednesdays year-round, has up to 10 rings simultaneously auctioning antiques and collectibles. The livestock barn features cattle auctions on Wednesday's and horse auctions on Friday's.

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