



## Hands-On & Interactive Activities ... *for Groups*

### Personalized Birdhouse at B&L Woodcraft - \$16 pp incl

Vist B&L Woodcraft Amish furniture shop and custom make your own souvenir birdhouse. Members of your group will get boxes to put their names on, then proceed through lines to select colors, decorations and make customized sayings. The Amish family will physically put the birdhouse together, place it back in the box, ready for you to load onto the coach. After selecting their birdhouse design, guests can explore the numerous furniture and gift areas.

### Make-Bake-n-Take Shoofly Pie at Amish Acres - \$7 pp incl

Groups can now learn first-hand the secrets to baking "The Best" Shoofly pie, as picked by the Chicago Tribune, when combined with the PastPort or other popular group packages at Amish Acres. All ages are welcome to participate and will be hosted by Old Order Amish Bakery Manager, Frieda Miller, in 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.

### Amish Quilting Bee & Family-Style Meal at an Amish Homestead - \$30 pp incl

Join Elaine Jones, her family and friends in an Amish quilting bee. First sit down to enjoy a delicious home-cooked, two meat, traditional Amish meal. Then pull up a chair around one of four quilts pieced by Elaine. Feel free to ask the Amish quilters how they piece, mark and get the quilts in frames - and enter your name for the quilt give-away! Sit beside them as they lead the novice and experienced quilter in an old fashioned quilting bee - participate, watch, learn or just chat. For those not interested in quilting, head out to the barn with Elaine's son, Seth, and take a buggy ride up and down the lane.

### Amish Acres Candy Kitchen - \$6 pp incl

Amish Acres is best known for their historic farm and education on Amish beliefs fostering a tolerance among different religions and cultures, but did you know the fudge shop makes over 50,000 lbs of fudge and candy a year? Learn how to make your own delicious candies from one of our expert candy makers and have a treat to enjoy later.

*NOTE: Prices subject to change without advance notice.*

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**Lavender Patch Quilt Shop Origami Fabric Folding - \$15 pp incl**

Learn an ancient Japanese art and open your eyes to the world of embellishment of quilts & wall hangings. Watch fascinating demonstrations on various folded fabric techniques and embellishment options. Each class member is given the necessary fabric and instruction to make their very own origami embellishment.

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**Lavender Patch Quilt Shop What's In Your Tool Shed? - \$15 pp incl**

New quilters and veteran quilters increase your piecing skills and proficiency in quilting with this workshop that covers the use of quilting rulers and several other tools all designed to get great results. Select your fabric and try cutting a block of your very own.

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**Ben's Pretzels Make your own Pretzel Demo - \$5 pp incl for 50+, \$7 pp incl for 20-50, \$10 pp incl for 10-19**

Ben's Pretzels was founded in 2004 by Ben and Elizabeth Miller, an Amish family from Shipshewana, 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. Groups will enjoy a short presentation highlighting Ben's story and history of the company followed by an opportunity to roll your own pretzel then watch it being baked before your eyes. Enjoy this tasty treat with cheese dip and a beverage of your choice before departing. A great treat anytime of day!

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**Weave Your Own Basket at Sonshine Baskets - \$25 pp incl for hands-on weaving experience - or - \$20 pp incl for demo and a completed basket (no hands on) - or - no cost for tour / shopping / demo only**

Welcome to Sonshine Baskets homestead and workshop as you meet Anna and her daughters, Amish artisans. Watch as they construct and weave their custom designed baskets. Tour the workshop and observe the various steps to bring a piece of handcraft to life including cutting, weaving, staining and finishing with leather handles. Browse thru the showroom featuring hundreds of baskets on display. NEW for 2018: groups can weavetheir own basket and custom select individual stain colors for a lasting keepsake of your Amish Country tour. *NOTE: Due to time required for drying of stains, this program must occur first on arrival in Amish Country and the baskets will then be delivered to group hotel prior to departing the area or would require shipping to guests home after departure from the area (extra expense required to cover shipping). Not enough time available to weave your own basket? Then select the option to include a custom made basket that group members can select from the showroom. Different shapes, sizes, function, colors and options will be offered as an immediate take-away.*

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**Paint an Amish Buggy or Barn Art Piece & Shop in downtown Middlebury - \$15 pp incl**

Welcome to charming downtown Middlebury, where you can eat comfort foods in cozy spaces such as just-like-mom's meatloaf, breaded tenderloin sandwiches, fresh seasonal salads, gourmet coffee or fresh from the oven scones. Shop stylish wardrobe finds for every season at the Cinnamon Stick, whimsical gifts at Varns & Hoover, seek yardgoods where the Amish shop or handcrafted hardwoods from Amish-owned Legacy Home Furniture. While in downtown, groups will sit down with local artist, Linda Pieri and be shown painting secrets developed throughout the ages. Linda has taught over 400 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." In this one-hour session, you will be able to observe a demo 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: 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. One subject matter per class - to be chosen by group leader prior to class. (Available subject matters will be given to group at time of booking.) *NOTE: Groups of over 25 are split in to two equal quantities of guests ... half will begin shopping in downtown while the other half paints their masterpiece inside the quaint Middlebury Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center. The group then rotates so everyone can complete their experience. Groups smaller than 25 people do not need to split up.*

**Flower Power Petal Pin / Pin Cushion at The Quilt Shop at Das Dutchman Essenhaus - \$10 pp incl**

Groups will love the fun and fast "Make and Take" fabric flower project. Each person makes a fabric flower pin or pin cushion with no sewing machine or prior sewing knowledge required. Materials are provided. Best yet it takes just 30 minutes to complete and everyone takes home their flower creation! Discover how fast fabric flowers bloom at The Quilt Shop!

**Fabric Make-n-Take Pumpkin at The Quilt Shop at Das Dutchman Essenhaus - \$10 pp incl**

This hands on make-n-take your own fabric pumpkin is offered in two versions for groups of all skill levels. One version uses a tiny bit of hand-sewing while version 2 is NO SEW and perfect for men and women! The project kits include all materials and tools needed (except for scissors & hot glue gun) to complete a fabric pumpkin. The scissors and hot glue gun are provided for your use while on site. Once completed, your fabric pumpkin is approximately 6" in diameter and perfect for gift giving or fall home decorating. Time to complete is approximately 45 minutes.

**"Hell's Kitchen Inspired" Interactive Hors D'oeuvre and Wine Pairing Evening at LEX530 - \$90 pp incl**

Come join us for a wine and food pairing event like no other and an evening you won't soon forget brought to you by local vintner and businessman Carl Tiedemann. Tonight, your group will enjoy a "Hell's Kitchen inspired Interactive event." Participants will be welcomed and then split into groups for a friendly competition. Each group will be led by a chef and encouraged to learn and participate in their food preparation. They will then serve the rest of the group the course they prepared and explain why it pairs well with the wine chosen. The portion sizes will make even the hungriest in the crowd pleased. Your evening includes an Amuse Bouche, along with 3 individual courses then a final dessert course, each paired with an appropriate wine. Water, coffee and iced tea will also be available. Tiedemann Wines and Glenwood Cellars Wines will be available for purchase, many of which are exclusive to Indiana.

**Great Life Tours Create a Wooden Quilt Block - \$28 pp incl**

Meet LaVern and Rachel, the Amish-Mennonite dynamic duo that has made Teaberry Wood Products one of Great Life Tour's most requested stops. This experience appeals to men and women with a something-for-everyone flair! Groups enjoy one-on-one time with this artisan team creating a wall quilt pieced entirely with beautiful exotic hardwoods. The experience will include a woodshop tour, "weaving" demo, hands-on wood quilt kit with choice of materials and shopping time. Participants leave with an 8"x 8" quilt block complete with engraved center tile and hanger. It is a work of art worthy of gifting or kept as a treasured memory of their travels. Highly collectible, a new pattern each season - keeping it fresh and new year after year. This is endlessly customizable with two frames, optional holiday and decorative laser engraved tiles available to choose from.

**The Fiber Nest 6" Christmas Star Mandela Ornament Making Class - \$20 pp incl**

Using white, silver & gold yarn your group will learn how to make a "Christmas Star" Gods Eye Mandala ornament. Each one will be festive and fun to make, keep or give as gifts. You'll leave after an hour learning all about this technique, art form and having had a fun experience with your local art expert, Carrie Beachey.

For more great hands-on activities in Amish Country, visit [AmishCountryTours.org](http://AmishCountryTours.org) or contact Sonya Nash at [sonya@amishcountry.org](mailto:sonya@amishcountry.org) or 800.262.8161.

