Embraceable Nappanee Backroads Tour

ALL NEW TOUR $195 total for guide PLUS $14 pp incl for 2 Authentic Experiences PLUS $21 pp incl Thresher Meal includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip (plus optional gratuity at your discretion)

With the warmth of a backdoor welcome Nappanee is the place to be. Eyepopping Quilt Gardens, history, innovation and downright fun! Begin at the Nappanee Center—considered by many to be more of a destination museum than a welcome center. Next let your curiosity get the best of you at the all new camel dairy farm. Pet the camels and get a selfie with these friendly four-legged celebrities. Next ready yourself for a buggy shop tour like no other. Featuring a huge collection of buggies, sleighs, and wagons this informative presentation is sure to be a hit with your group. Beautiful backroads dotted with pristine Amish farms, schools and the oldest Amish cemetery in Elkhart county are brought to life by an authentic Amish guide.

A memorable lunch is included at an Amish home where you’ll enjoy a 2 meat Thresher meal with all the fixings. After lunch see beautiful grandfather clocks assembled at a unique Amish clockwork shop. Of course, your day will include an Amish bulk food store where people watching is as much fun as is the bargain hunting. Finish the day with a flash frozen treat from Rocket Science Ice Cream at Coppes Commons--a converted 100,000 square foot furniture manufacturing plant turned retail shopping opportunity.

Together with your Amish Guide you will come to see why the town motto is “Embrace the Pace.”

Let us personalize an itinerary for your group today!
It’s all about options in 2020
All new, always informative, always authentic

Authentic Experiences add just the right touch of exclusivity your group is looking for.

Meet an Old Order Mennonite buggy maker—$7 pp incl ($100 min) [allow 60-90 minutes]
Many do not realize that there are horse & buggy Mennonite churches as well as Amish. While similar there are many differences including the design of their buggies and churches that set them apart. You’ll enjoy an informative seated presentation of their customs and a peek at his private collection of toy buggies and wagons, followed by a walking tour of his impressive inventory of the real thing. A workshop tour winds up this exclusive experience.

Visit a Camel Farm—$7 pp incl ($100 min) [allow 1 hour]
This experience brings hump day to a whole new level. Each visit is as hands-on as guests like. Brush the camels, feed them treats, pet them, and pose for selfies with the camels’ head resting on their shoulders. A very interactive experience for all. A young Mennonite family works together to craft beautiful bars of luxurious camel milk soap and premium lotions. Hear how this unusual business got its start and what it's like to raise camels.

Visit an Amish School Teacher in a one room schoolhouse—$4 pp incl ($100 min)
Visit an Amish one-room school to see how the teacher manages all eight grades at once. Will you sit at the front of the class or be seated in the back on sturdy wooden benches? This is a very interactive and enlightening look at education from an Amish point of view. Ample time for question and answers is included with this authentic experience.
Tour an Amish Dairy Farm & Apple Orchard—$5 pp incl ($100 min)
Optional special treat—add a secret recipe caramel apple fritter to this experience—$1.50 pp incl
Lamar & his wife have their hands in a bit of everything! Tour the barn to learn the basics of a dairy farm. Learn how the Amish manage the milking without electricity. Hear how he’s pushing to broaden the market for his product. Visit his cider room to see how they press crates of apples into golden cider. Learn how they make their naturally sweetened jams and jellies. Sampling makes this one sweet stop!

Visit an Amish Maple Sugar Camp—$4 pp incl ($100 min)
View the process of syrup-making. Beginning with tapping maple trees to collect the clear, almost tasteless, sugar water. Follow the process from bucket to evaporator until a barrel to bottle where finally it’s reduced to a gallon of pure maple syrup. YUM!

Thresher meal inside an Amish family home—$21 pp incl tax & tip
Continue your adventure into Amish Country with a true experience of a lifetime. On the menu today is the famous Amish Thresher Meal, a 2-meat feast with all the fixings and delicious homemade pies for dessert. Featuring family favorites that have been passed down from generation to generation. Mary Lou and her helpers make sure you won’t go away hungry here! Options available for those who prefer lighter fare.

Add an Amish cooking class to your meal—$6 pp incl PLUS cost of meal
If there is one thing Amish women are known for their cooking skills. Recipes passed on from mother to daughter and now to you. Enjoy a tasty cinnamon roll and coffee as Mary Lou demonstrates how she makes this tasty sweet bread treat. This experience includes rolls to go so you can share or not...

Make mine a Grab Bag Tour please—$16 pp incl for 4 goodies & shopping bags PLUS step-on guide $195
Bag some extra fun for your group by adding a twist to your Amish Country Tour. We'll give each tour member an empty shopping bag, but it won’t stay that way for long. As groups visit select, unique, locally owned shops along the scenic Amish Country backroads, they will receive locally made goodies to fill their "Grab Bags". During the holidays this becomes a Stocking Stuffer Tour with festive goodies, a very special gift bag and cookie decorating or candy making options. Extend your fourth quarter season and your profits. [call for Stocking Stuffer pricing]
Visit Coppes Commons in Nappanee [no admission fee]
Nappanee’s colorful history comes alive at 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. Your visit includes shopping time, a Quilt Garden, and while you are there don’t forget to try Rocket Science Ice Cream for an out of this world hand mixed treat.

Hoosier Cabinet Exhibit Guided Tour & video at Coppes Commons—$2 pp incl
Visit the historic Hoosier Cabinet “museum/exhibit”. Groups are given a fascinating historical glimpse into the Coppes Kitchens, once ordered by Frank Sinatra and President John F. Kennedy, while touring this rustic and rambling brick structure.

Cabinet Door Hands-on Painting Program at Coppes Commons—$15 pp incl
Meet local artist and “stay at home Mom” Chelsie Weldy as you personally paint your own rustic cabinet door with a Hoosier Cabinet and Indiana history design theme. Choose from a variety of colors/accessories to add to Chelsie’s stencil creation. This “2nd Chance Treasure” will be a fun memento and keepsake that is unique for your own home or as a gift to give.

Rocket Science Ice Cream at Coppes Commons—$3.85 mini or $5 small pp incl
Enjoy an “out of this world” taste treat at Rocket Science Ice Cream located inside Coppes Commons. Each individual serving is crafted from a premium ice cream mix and real fruits, nuts, candies, and sauces, using their own special recipes. It is then quick-frozen right before your eyes with liquid nitrogen. It’s the creamiest and the most amazing treat you’ll find anywhere in the US.

Pretzel Tasting at the Perfect Twist at Coppes Commons—$TBD
Your group will love this twist on the popular tasting flight presentation. Yummy soft pretzel bites are paired with a flight of specialty dipping sauces for the perfect afternoon snack. You’ll try savory flavors like their Secret Recipe Cheddar Cheese, Lancaster County Sweet Mustard, Spicy Horseradish Mustard, Marinara, Cream Cheese. For those with a sweet tooth how about Hot Fudge or Fluffy Icing made with an Amish cream cheese recipe.
Enjoy the Nappanee Center Collection and quilt exhibit [no admission fee]
Get an insider’s tour of one of the best Quilt Gardens in Elkhart County and one of the best places for a group photo op. The Nappanee Center houses the Evelyn Lehman Culp Heritage Collection, this hidden gem is maintained by the Library today and tells the story of Nappanee through permanent, rotating and special displays. Main attractions include several “Hoosier” cabinets made in Nappanee, a tribute to the city’s six nationally known cartoonists, an Air Force One display and the historic John Hartman House.

Visit an Amish clockworks shop—demo & workshop tour [no admission fee]
Where old world craftsmanship is the hallmarks of every clock they build. This family owned and operated manufacturing facility specializes in building one kind of product: beautiful heirloom timepieces. They craft clocks out of locally grown, milled and kiln-dried wood. Triple Chime Grandfather clocks, Mantle clocks, and exclusive Precious Melodies Clocks are produced on site. The Precious Melodies line of clocks has become a favorite in Amish communities. Precious Clocks for Precious People.

Visit Rentown an Amish Bulk Food Store—lots of sampling [no admission fee]
Affectionately known as "The Cheese Place" An experience any time of the year. The cheeses are abundant, with over 80 varieties on hand. But cheese isn't the only thing you'll find here--from deli meats and bulk foods to housewares, gifts and toys there is so much to see and sample too! In the fall, good old-fashioned delights are in store at the Annual Rentown Old Fashion Days. Steam and antique tractors showcase this event, while threshing, wood carving, cider press, and rug weaving demonstrations reveal old-time skills and more.

Amish Quilt & Fabric Shop—demo & shopping time [no admission fee]
Visit an authentic Amish quilt shop where owner Delores will demonstrate a “Less than Traditional” quilt block. —Once you’ve got the basic technique down, the possibilities are endless in design options. This darling little country shop has a nice selection of supplies, finished quilts as well as tops ready for you to quilt yourself.

Amish Country Variety Store [no admission fee]
Virtually all Amish communities have variety stores that provide easy shopping options within easy buggy range. These stores are essential to the local economy and the community. In this case they carry fabrics, shoes, Amish clothing, kitchen essentials, of course simple children’s toys. All things essential to an Amish housewife usually at bargain prices.

Custom Cabinetry Factory Tour [no admission fee]
Nappanee has a long history of crafting fine kitchen cabinetry. See for yourself in this informative factory tour. You will see the entire manufacturing process from design to completion where the mostly Amish workforce incorporates their well-known woodworking skills into everything they make.