



Girlfriends, Giggles and Gifts Getaway

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

See exquisite quilts and Quilt Gardens. Delight in nature at a botanic garden. 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 or shop 'til you drop at a Flea Market. 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

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GIRLFRIENDS, GIGGLES & GIFTS GETAWAY DAYTRIP SAMPLE ITINERARY

Depart for Amish Country of Northern Indiana



12:45 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Homemade Cinnamon Roll Making Demonstration & Soup/Salad Luncheon at an Amish family farm [\$6 pp incl for cinnamon rolls PLUS \$16.50 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 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.

2 p.m.

Depart Topeka for Ligonier

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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!

3:30 p.m.

Depart Ligonier for Millersburg



4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Amish basket weaving demo at Sonshine Baskets [\$20 pp incl for demo and a completed basket - OR - no cost for tour/shopping/demo only with no gift included]

Welcome to Sonshine Baskets homestead and Amish artisans workshop. 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. Your tour includes a custom made basket that group members can select from the showroom to take home as a wonderful memento of their tour. Different shapes, sizes, function, colors and options will be offered as an immediate take-away.

Depart for home or Options

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OPTIONS



Grab Bag Tour [\$195 for guide (tip optional) PLUS \$16 pp incl for 4 gifts from the following options PLUS \$6 for 2 authentic Amish stops. Note additional Grab Bag stops COULD be included as time and route allow WITHOUT gifts/fee added.]

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. Also included on your backroads tour are Authentic Amish Experiences. Get to know local Amish entrepreneurs and see first-hand how they operate their unique enterprises. Hear the stories of friendly, hardworking people who use their special talents to create products and build businesses that serve the local

community and beyond. These stops are fun, authentic, appealing to every age and sure to be a hit with your group.

Fruit Hill Winery Tasting [5 wine tastings for \$5 pp incl]

David & Michelle Muir invite you to join their family on their orchard where you will be greeted warmly inside their quaint wine tasting room in the scenic fruit hills of Bristol. Featuring several varietals such as Riesling, Cabernet Franc and Traminette which has been designated as Indiana's signature wine. Sample different wines, see the process of wine pressing and preparation, shop for a bottle to take home or step outside onto the deck, or front porch, and enjoy the view.



Evening fun on the Das Dutchman Essenhaus campus [\$24.73 for evening dinner buffet with pie, tax, tip & beverages included. Other options available.]

Welcome to Das Dutchman Essenhaus, home of Indiana's largest restaurant and a peaceful escape in the country which offers a unique combination of dining, lodging and shopping opportunities. The attractive Amish style restaurant seats 1,100 and is the largest restaurant in the state of Indiana. Manicured grounds invite a leisurely stroll. Relax on horse drawn carriage ride around the immaculate grounds, play a round of miniature golf, or go shopping in one of several Village Shops (coupons provided) all on the same facility grounds. Shop for quilts, baked goods, home décor, ladies apparel, Vera Bradley, jewelry and more. Enjoy faith-based entertainment suitable for all audiences inside Heritage Hall. Laugh and enjoy family friendly productions with a message from the

heart. Shows vary by date. Complete your experience by enjoying the all-you-can-eat Buffet Dinner which includes 2 soups, salad bar, 4 entrees, numerous sides and cobblers/puddings PLUS pie for dessert. Beverages are included with your meal.



Shopping at the Shipshewana Flea Market & Auction [no admission fee]

The Shipshewana Flea Market is a do-not-miss Hoosier tradition with nearly 900 booths in an open-air market covering 100 acres. Vendors offer a variety of products and truly have something for everyone - quirky novelties, fresh seasonal produce, crafts, home decor, dollar items, clothes, garden supplies, beauty essentials, paper goods, jewelry, accessories, games, books, toys, baked goods, t-shirts, pet supplies and everything in between. There are food courts, a sit-down restaurant and rest areas throughout the market. The antique auction barn, open Wednesdays year-round, has up to 10 rings simultaneously auctioning antiques and collectibles. The livestock barn features auctions open to the public on Wednesday's and horse auctions open to the public on Friday's.

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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. 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, 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.



Flower Pen Bouquet hands-on activity PLUS lunch PLUS shopping at Southgate Crossing [lunch is \$10.99 PLUS make take is \$15 pp incl]

Lady A walks your group thru a fun and easy make-n-take Felt Flower Pen class that provides you a fun activity plus something functional to use at home. Each guests makes 6 flower pens to display in the adorable mini garden pot to take home or to share with a friend. Shop for locally made items, food items and home décor in the Big Red Barn. Enjoy lunch in the atrium!



Coffee with the Curator at the Midwest Museum of American Art [\$10 pp incl]

This neo-classical style bank building, in the heart of downtown Elkhart, houses 19th and 20th century art from American Primitives to Pop art and includes original works by Grant Wood and Norman Rockwell. Each Fall the Midwest finest artists from 24 regional counties submit their best and finest art for a juried competition. Groups will have an opportunity to see and hear about some of these amazing Midwest artists on this "coffee walk/chat" with the expert curator of the Museum and exhibition.