

Amish Country

NORTHERN INDIANA

ELKHART GOSHEN MIDDLEBURY NAPPANEE BRISTOL WAKARUSA & SHIPSHEWANA



Authentic and Well Crafted

Enjoy the **picturesque backroads** of Amish Country of Northern Indiana as you meet the wonderful and creative Amish and Mennonite people who make **authentic experiences** and products.

- Amish Country of Northern Indiana is home to the third largest Amish population in the nation and the largest in the Midwest.
- Learn about the Amish religion and history at the Amish Mennonite Interpretive Center.
- Watch young Amish of today building RV's on a modern manufacturing plant tour, experience a one-of-a-kind One-Room Schoolhouse plus watch Amish craftsmen at work making coffins, buggies, leather handbags, rag rugs, wooden baskets, toys and windchimes.
- Enjoy in-home Amish meals, baking and cooking demos, quilting bees and buggy rides.

Tours by *Local Step-On Guides*

- Your local expert step-on guide will help you wander scenic backroads while learning about the fascinating lifestyle of the Amish and get up-close-and personal with the Amish as you see their inventions and creativity.
- **NEW!** Meet the Amish Makers Backroads Tour explores new stops & shops around Nappanee and can be combined with the most popular Brown Bag Tour for extra fun!
- Engage with Amish cooks as they demonstrate tips, tricks and how to's as they make cinnamon rolls, pies and baked chicken then immerse in the culture with a program on an Amish wedding, church service, lifestyle or horse raising.
- **NEW!** Explore the inside workings of an Amish dairy farm, Mennonite/Amish Buggy Maker plus a new and different in-home Amish meal location in the Nappanee-Wakarusa area.

Hands-On *Amish Country Adventures*

- Weave your own basket, craft a wooden ornament or build your own wooden quilt block inside Amish artisan workshops. You will custom design, watch, learn and take home an Amish Country original.
- Roll your own soft pretzel inspired by an old Amish recipe then delight in your tasty masterpiece.
- Paint an acrylic Amish buggy piece of art to take home as a fun memento.



Artists and Quilters Paradise

This FREE, nationally-recognized, award-winning **Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail** is an ABA Best of the Best winner for multiple years!

- The only experience of its kind in the world located throughout six cities and towns in Elkhart County with 16 super-sized Quilt Gardens, featuring new pattern designs each year, located at group friendly attractions and shops along the Heritage Trail.
- Viewable annually from May 30 - September 15 with special events and interactive fun that can be added.
- Master Gardener step-on guides available to fully customize and enhance your experience.

Quilters Escapades

- Enjoy a Civil War Era quilt display or historic Amish Quilt Trunk Show conducted by local quilt experts.
- Plan your tour around the annual Shipshewana Quilt Festival (June) and add on the Quilt Shop Hop Pieces, Pies & Posies Tour.
- **NEW!** See 57 original art paintings depicting local Old Order Mennonite scenes by artist Emma Schrock known as our "Grandma Moses" or experience the beauty of live harp music surrounded by fiber quilts of yesteryear.

Artistic Fun

- Tour Indiana's largest Norman Rockwell Collection inside the Midwest Museum of American Art.
- See the home of Alka Seltzer and Flintstone Vitamin creators in Elkhart at the breathtaking Ruthmere Mansion.
- Get inspired and reflective in the bounty of nature at Wellfield Botanic Gardens.
- Delight in the creation of Stone Ground Flour from the century old Bonneyville Mill.
- Walk historic downtown Goshen filled with compelling shops, popcorn Olympics and homemade turtle chocolates that were served to several United States Presidents.



We Love Groups in Amish Country!

Featuring the nationally-recognized scenic **Heritage Trail** designated by **TIME** as one of the **Top 40 Scenic Drives in the Nation**, Amish Country is the perfect destination whether your group is looking for "all things Amish" or for history and art, for the greatest mystery tour, girls getaway or quirky and fun stops. Everything is customizable and I'm only one phone call or email away to help you get started.

We're here for you with safety in mind! Elkhart County is excited to warmly welcome your group. I'm here to help create a great, safe experience during COVID-19 with lower minimums, reduced cancellation policies and lower or no deposit policies.



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