



HANDCRAFTED & HISTORIC

... along the Heritage Trail



*From **BUGGIES** and **RV'S** to **ART** and the **AMISH**, celebrate the creativity and ingenuity of today and yesterday.*

See and learn how Mae West and an RV impacted the 1930's movie industry. See the works of some of the Midwest's greatest artists including Indiana's largest Norman Rockwell collection. Revel in the majesty of a Beaux-Arts mansion that "Alka-Seltzer built" while admiring Tiffany's and Rodin's. Take a walk and hear about the legendary creations of Hoosier Cabinets then see the quilt art of our very own version of "Grandma Moses". Meet Amish handcrafters in their workshops. Watch, learn, and make amazing creations from glass blowing to wooden quilts and fresh baked scones.

YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT THE STORIES, ADMIRE THE BEAUTY, AND LEARN HOW ELKHART COUNTY'S HISTORY HAS IMPACTED OUR NATION.

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DAY TWO *(cont.)*



10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Indiana's Largest Norman Rockwell Collection exhibit at the Midwest Museum of American Art

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 Grandma Moses and Norman Rockwell. The Main Gallery provides a unique setting for corporate/private parties, weddings and receptions. Groups can choose from two excellent presentations. "Learning to Look" is a presentation that highlights stories, places and people that bring art to life for the visitor. "Norman Rockwell: The Making of an American Legend" gives the visitor a chance to explore both the myth and the reality of this American icon while viewing the largest Rockwell print collection in Indiana.

11:30 a.m.

Depart Downtown Elkhart for Goshen

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch at the South Side Soda Shop

Dine in a restored diner with an old-fashioned dining car and 1940s soda fountain. Enjoy classic American eats, shakes, and pie. Featured on The Food Network's "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" and Gourmet magazine.

1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Olympia Candy Kitchen Shopping for Chocolates served to Presidents

The Olympia Candy Kitchen has been welcoming visitors for almost a century in its unchanged location in downtown Goshen, Indiana remaining a family run business, passed through 4 generations over 100 years. All their candies are handmade from scratch including the famous Turtles, which are made with their own home-made caramel, plus the famous Chocolate-Covered Cherries, which were so popular that they were served at the Inaugural Balls of both President Reagan and President George H.W. Bush. They also offer a wide variety of the highest quality hand-dipped sweets, such as creams and chocolate covered peanuts plus a great selection of gummy candies, jellybeans, licorice, and other non-chocolate treats.



2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Soapy Gnome Concoction of Handcrafted Soap

Welcome to an independent shop in Goshen, Indiana, specializing in handcrafted soap and body care products. Soap made with locally crafted beer. Soap made with local fresh pressed apple cider. Soap combining Lavender with herbs. These and many more interesting and unusual concoctions make up her handcrafted and aromatic soaps, lotions, body bars, oils and more. Her cozy and warm welcoming shop is filled with great things to shop and enjoy!

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Popcorn Olympics at Shirley's Popcorn Classic Flavor Game

Compete against your teammates/group friends and family members in this fun, interactive game by Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn in Goshen. Race the clock, test your skills, and munch on freshly popped Original Movie Theatre flavored popcorn kernels as you have fun. Some games are independent, some in teams of 2 or more. All are led by the Shirley's Popcorn staff and coaches complete with supplies and instructions. Choose Three games for your group Olympics.

5:00 p.m.

Depart Downtown Goshen for Middlebury

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5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner, shopping and evening on your own on the Das Dutchman Essenhaus campus

Das Dutchman Essenhaus offers a unique combination of dining, lodging and shopping opportunities. The attractive Amish style restaurant seats 1,100. Manicured grounds invite a leisurely stroll or perhaps a carriage ride through a quaint covered bridge. Today dine on the famous family-style dinner complete with homemade pies fresh from their bakery OR the tasty and tempting buffet. Enjoy the Quilt Garden & Quilt Mural during your visit and shopping in The Village Shops for gift items, ladies apparel, home décor and baked goods.

Return to your host hotel following your evening experience

DAY THREE

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast at your host hotel

8:15 a.m.

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby

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

Great Life Tours Heritage Trail Handcrafted Backroads Tour

Travel the nationally recognized by Time LIFE Magazine on the scenic Heritage Trail thru the nation's third largest Amish area. Your local step-on guide will share the stories, history, and details of the hardworking local Amish craftsmen. You'll meet them in their shops, in their homes and enjoy the opportunity to get to know them too. Your tour options include (pick as many as interest, budget and time allow):

Bonneyville Mill & the Dahlia Garden

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 are 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!



Create a Wooden Quilt Block

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"x8" 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.

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