

AMISH COUNTRY

ALONG *the* HERITAGE TRAIL

ELKHART GOSHEN MIDDLEBURY NAPPANEE BRISTOL WAKARUSA & SHIPSHEWANA



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WE LOVE GROUPS IN NORTHERN INDIANA AMISH COUNTRY!

Explore the nationally recognized Heritage Trail, named one of *TIME's Top 40 Scenic Drives in the Nation*. Whether your group seeks Amish culture, history, art, or quirky stops, they'll enjoy authentic, engaging experiences. Perfect for girls' getaways or fun-filled tours, Elkhart County offers group-friendly hotels, vibrant cities, and small-town charm.

Nappanee, home of the historic Hoosier Cabinet and 6 famous cartoonists. Step back in time at the historic Hoosier Cabinet Museum. See works from 6 famous cartoonists and paintings from Mennonite artist Emma Schrock.

Middlebury, home to Das Dutchman Essenhaus, offering charming accommodations, Amish-style dining, and unique shopping combined with rural Amish maker stops and shops and free RV manufacturer plant tours.

Elkhart, the birthplace of Alka Seltzer and Flintstone vitamins, offers a rich history plus stunning historic mansions, botanic gardens and art.

Goshen, home of the South Side Soda Shop which was featured on the Food Network "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," offers easy walking access to multiple unique and fun boutique and art shops all within 3 blocks.

Bristol and **Wakarusa** each offer specialty group stops for jumbo jelly beans, stone ground flour and winery tours & tastings.

Shippshewana, home of the famous flea market, offers the Amish-Mennonite Interpretive Center and a variety of entertainment options at the Blue Gate Theatre.

INDIANA'S  **COOL NORTH** **REGIONAL Adventures**

Where else can you start in Amish Country then visit the newest National Park, test your luck at a Vegas-style casino and see the Golden Dome all in the same day! *In Indiana's Cool North, of course!*



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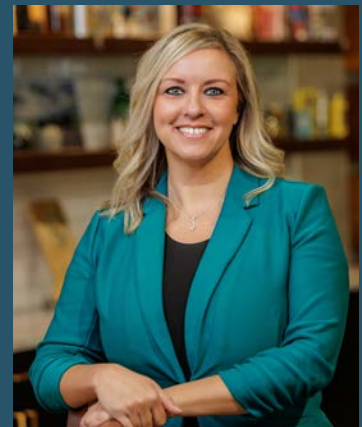
A Journey Through the Heart of Northern Indiana Amish Country! Northern Indiana, home to the third largest Amish population in the U.S., offers an *immersive cultural experience* where visitors can explore Amish traditions and craftsmanship. Through various activities and tours, your group can experience the warmth and hospitality of the Amish community.

- Get a glimpse into daily Amish life by visiting working farms, artisanal shops, and authentic Amish homesteads.
- Connect with Amish artisans through hands-on activities.
- From homemade goods, handcrafted furniture, and freshly baked pies, your group will be able to indulge in the finest products the Amish community has to offer.
- Groups love family-style meals at Amish homes, and demonstrations of traditional crafts like quilting and woodworking.
- Tours with a local step-on guide take you behind the scenes for a sneak peek into the window of Amish life and their businesses. Fun-filled theme tours include the popular Brown Bag Tour.

Meet the Sales Manager **that INSPIRES AND DELIGHTS**

Connect with Jessica Risner, Elkhart County's Destination Sales Manager. With expertise in crafting memorable group tour itineraries, Jessica is ready to design customized tours that ensure your group will discover the best of what the region offers.

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QUILTERS PARADISE

Featuring the award-winning Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail!

Whether your group consists of seasoned quilters or garden enthusiasts, the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail provides a *vibrant and educational* experience in seven cities and towns along the Heritage Trail.

- Super-sized Quilt Gardens and hand-painted Quilt Murals located at group friendly attractions, shops, and gardens along the Heritage Trail.
- Quilt Gardens feature NEW pattern designs and plants each year offering over ONE MILLION blooms.
- 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*

- Delight in an Amish Quilt Trunk Show with renowned Amish quilt historian Rebecca Haarer.
- Immerse yourself in the elegance of live harp music set against a backdrop of exquisite hand-stitched quilts, blending the tales of music and fabric.
- Indulge in a shopping adventure on the Pieces, Pies & Posies Quilt Shop Hop Tour.
- Just two hours from the annual AQS Grand Rapids QuiltFest each August.

HANDS-ON MEMORIES *for Creatives by Creatives*

- Watch, learn and make your own wooden quilt block at Teaberry Wood Products and create “quilty” notecards inside the Quilt Shop at Das Dutchman Essenhaus.
- Learn about the traditional art of quilting with your new Amish friends.
- Paint an acrylic “barn quilt” scene to take home or give away.



CREATIVE EXPERIENCES

Catch the excitement of all things *creative and artistic* in Amish Country. From rousing theatrical performances to historic mansions and museum tours, we're serving up *a great time for groups* with fun.

- Explore Goshen's vibrant downtown art & entrepreneur scene featuring 3 blocks filled with eclectic and fun boutique shops owned by local artisans, many women.
- Downtown Elkhart features four museums, a botanic garden and a restored historic vaudeville theatre - along with locally owned boutique shops and restaurants.
- See historic trailers at the shrine to the RV in the "RV Capital."
- Tour the house that Alka Seltzer built in Elkhart at Ruthmere, a 1920's Beaux-Art Mansion filled with Tiffany lamps and Rodin sculptures and see Indiana's largest Norman Rockwell collection of prints at the Midwest Museum of American Art.
- Immerse in the beauty of waterfalls, sculptures and plants galore at Wellfield Botanic Gardens.

UNFORGETTABLE

Entertainment Encounters

- Enjoy top concert headliners at the historic Lerner Theatre.
- Discover exceptional live shows at the Blue Gate Theatre and Performing Arts Center.
- Celebrate local talent with amazing performances by Elkhart County's vibrant community theatre groups.



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Indianapolis 165m / 266km / 3hr
Detroit 165m / 266km / 3hr
Chicago 116m / 187km / 2hr

Milwaukee 200m / 322km / 4hr
Louisville 270m / 436km / 4hr
Cleveland 425m / 388km / 4hr

St. Louis 390m / 628km / 7hr
Des Moines 425m / 692km / 7hr
Minneapolis 530m / 853km / 9hr

Just passing through on I-80/90, THE INDIANA TOLL ROAD?

Whether your group needs a quick stop-and-go or a leisurely meal, Exit 92 offers an expansive array of national brands that will satisfy any appetite. Choose from Arby's, Biggby Coffee, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chick-fil-A, Cracker Barrel, Culver's, Dunkin', Five Guys, Jimmy John's, McAllister's Deli, Mod Pizza, Noodles & Company, Olive Garden, Panda Express, Perkin's, Popeye's, Qdoba, Texas Roadhouse, and more! Yum!

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GROUP-FRIENDLY LODGING *in Elkhart County, IN*

ELKHART AT I-80/90 EXIT 92

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Best Western - 574.262.8761
Comfort Suites North - 574.206.1555
Courtyard by Marriott - 574.993.4993
Fairfield Inn - 574.903.1688
Four Points by Sheraton - 574.333.3707
Hampton Inn - 574.264.2525
Hilton Garden Inn - 574.970.4444
Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 574.327.6494
Home 2 Suites by Hilton - 574.993.3900
Hotel Elkhart - 574.389-7900
La Quinta Inns & Suites - 574.262.0014
Staybridge Suites - 574.970.8488
TRU by Hilton - 574.338.3300

These hotels are all within minutes of I-80/90 Exit 92 and are perfect for your stopover or cross-country trip.

ELKHART SOUTH

Comfort Suites South - 574.293.9390
Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 574.296.1110

GOSHEN

Fairfield Inn - 574.538.2027
Hampton Inn - 574.533.8800
Holiday Inn Express - 574.535.9200
Quailty Inn & Suites - 574.534.3133

MIDDLEBURY

Essenhaus Inn - 800.455.9471
Hampton Inn & Suites - 574.822.0288

NAPPANEE

Countryside Inn - 574.773.5999