

ELKHART GOSHEN MIDDLEBURY NAPPANEE BRISTOL WAKARUSA & SHIPSHEWANA

PEOPLE & PLACES

IN ELKHART COUNTY INDIANA

COMFORT FOOD,
CRAFTSMANSHIP
& CAN'T-MISS STOPS

AMISH COUNTRY AND ELKHART COUNTY
ARE PERFECT FOR GROUPS OF ALL KINDS



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AUTHENTICALLY AMISH

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.

- From homemade goods, handcrafted furniture, and freshly baked pies, your group will be able to indulge in the finest products the Amish community of makers have 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, customizable themed tours are available and include the always popular Brown Bag Tour.

WORK WITH A SALES MANAGER THAT INSPIRES AND DELIGHTS

Jessica Risner, Elkhart County's Destination Sales Manager, is your go-to for creating customized tours of any size of group that showcase the very best of Elkhart County and the Northern Indiana region.

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CREATIVE EXPERIENCES

FROM SHOW-STOPPING PERFORMANCES TO HISTORIC HOMES AND MUSEUMS, WE BRING THE FUN FOR EVERY GROUP

- Stroll Goshen's creative core - three lively blocks of art, innovation, and eclectic boutiques owned by local (and many women-led) artisans.
- Discover Downtown Elkhart - home to four museums, a lush botanic garden, a historic vaudeville theatre, and a dynamic mix of locally owned shops and restaurants.
- Step into RV history at the "RV Capital of the World," where iconic vintage trailers tell the story of American travel.
- Tour Ruthmere, the grand Beaux-Arts mansion built by Alka-Seltzer, showcasing Tiffany lamps, Rodin sculptures, and Indiana's largest Norman Rockwell print collection at the Midwest Museum of American Art.
- Unwind at Wellfield Botanic Gardens, where waterfalls, sculptures, and stunning gardens create a feast for the senses.

NEW FOR 2026! NORTHERN INDIANA IS RAISING THE BAR FOR GROUP TRAVEL!

The Elkhart County CVB, LaGrange County CVB and Visit South Bend Mishawaka have teamed up with Veneto Collaboratory to create new, bold, curated group experiences that unlock exciting hands-on, behind-the-scenes access, and meaningful connections with local makers.

WANT IN? CONTACT JESSICA TO LEARN HOW YOUR GROUP CAN EXPERIENCE IT FIRSTHAND.





QUILTERS PARADISE

FEATURING THE AWARD-WINNING QUILT GARDENS ALONG THE HERITAGE TRAIL

Whether your group consists of seasoned quilters or garden enthusiasts, the *ABA Best of the Best* 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 experiences that can be added.
- Master Gardener step-on guides available to fully customize and enhance your experience.



QUILTERS ESCAPADES

Experience an authentic Amish Quilt Trunk Show with renowned historian Rebecca Haarer, paired with live harp music and stunning hand-stitched quilts where stories of fabric and melody come alive. Complete your visit with the Pieces, Pies & Posies Quilt Shop Hop - just two hours from the AQS Grand Rapids QuiltFest each August.



HANDS-ON MEMORIES FOR CREATIVES BY CREATIVES

Watch, learn, and create your own wooden quilt block or handwoven basket at Teaberry Wood Products, then connect with Amish friends while discovering the art and traditions of quilting. Finish the experience by painting an acrylic barn quilt to take home - or share as a heartfelt gift.



WE LOVE GROUPS

GROUPS COME TOGETHER FOR FUN EXPERIENCES IN ELKHART COUNTY, IN

From Amish culture and rich history to artful discoveries and delightfully quirky stops, every mile along the Heritage Trail delivers authentic fun. Ideal for girls' getaways and group tours, Elkhart County pairs welcoming hotels, lively cities, and irresistible charm.

NAPPANEE: Step back in time at the Hoosier Cabinet Museum, explore works from six renowned cartoonists, and admire the stunning art of Mennonite painter Emma Schrock - history and creativity collide in every corner!

MIDDLEBURY: Experience the charm of Das Dutchman Essenhaus with hearty Amish-style dining, cozy accommodations, and one-of-a-kind shopping. Add rural maker stops and RV manufacturer plant tours for a truly memorable group adventure.

ELKHART: Discover the birthplace of Alka-Seltzer and Flintstone vitamins, then wander through historic mansions, lush botanic gardens, and captivating art galleries - a perfect mix of history, beauty, and culture.

GOSHEN: Stroll three walkable blocks packed with quirky boutique shops and art studios, and don't miss the South Side Soda Shop, a Food Network favorite featured on Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives.

BRISTOL & WAKARUSA: Sweeten your trip with jumbo jelly beans, fall in love with locally stone-ground flour creations, and enjoy winery tours and tastings - perfect for groups with a taste for fun.

SHIPSHEWANA: Dive into the famous flea market, explore the Amish-Mennonite Interpretive Center, and catch a lively show at the Blue Gate Theatre - all offering unique experiences your group won't forget.

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS IN ELKHART COUNTY!

START PLANNING YOUR FULLY CUSTOMIZED GROUP ADVENTURE THAT BRINGS ELKHART COUNTY AND NORTHERN INDIANA TO LIFE - DELIVERING MOMENTS YOUR GROUP WILL TREASURE LONG AFTER THEIR TRIP ENDS.

GROUP-FRIENDLY LODGING IN ELKHART COUNTY, IN

ELKHART AT I-80/90 EXIT 92

avid Hotel North - 574.564.6600
Best Western - 574.262.8761
Comfort Suites North - 574.206.1555
Courtyard by Marriott - 574.993.4993
Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites - 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
WoodSpring Suites - 574-390-6520

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
Quality Inn & Suites - 574.534.3133

MIDDLEBURY

Essenhaus Inn - 800.455.9471
Hampton Inn & Suites - 574.822.0288

NAPPANEE

Countryside Inn - 574.773.5999

JUST PASSING THROUGH ON THE INDIANA TOLL ROAD?

Conveniently located with easy on/off access, I-80/90 Exit 92 is an ideal stop for buses and motor coaches.

Whether your group needs a quick stop-and-go or a leisurely meal, I-80/90 Exit 92 offers an expansive array of national brands that will satisfy any appetite. Choose from Arby's, Biggby Coffee, Bubba's 33, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chick-fil-A, Cracker Barrel, Culver's, Dunkin', Five Guys, Jimmy John's, McAllister's Deli, Jet's Pizza, Noodles & Company, Olive Garden, Panda Express, Perkins, Popeye's, Qdoba, Starbucks, Texas Roadhouse, and more!

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WE ARE CLOSE TO ANYWHERE IN THE MIDWEST

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| Indianapolis | 165m / 266km / 3hr | Milwaukee | 200m / 322km / 4hr | St. Louis | 390m / 628km / 7hr |
| Detroit | 165m / 266km / 3hr | Louisville | 270m / 436km / 4hr | Des Moines | 425m / 692km / 7hr |
| Chicago | 116m / 187km / 2hr | Cleveland | 425m / 388km / 4hr | Minneapolis | 530m / 853km / 9hr |

