



# Spring

Springtime in Indiana is like a bright new shiny dawn where the grass is green, the showers bring flowers, and the farmers plow and plant their fields. Join us for the magic of an Indiana spring!



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Enjoy the "Branson style" musical productions on the former estate of a national celebrity, **Abbeydell Hall at the Legend of French Lick**. You'll enjoy high energy with music, dance and the rockin' harmonies of the past.

Hop on the **French Lick Scenic Railway** for a relaxing narrated train ride through the rolling hills of the Hoosier National Forest in Southern Indiana.

Interact with local farmers to learn more about where your food comes from and then enjoy a meal at this **Farm to Table** experience where groups immerse themselves in the culture and food of French Lick West Baden agriculture complete with farm tours.

Experience the sisters' serene lifestyle with a guided tour of the recently restored majestic domed church and Lourdes Grotto found at Ferdinand's **Monastery Immaculate Conception**, known as the "Castle on the Hill" and home to one of the nation's largest communities of Benedictine women.



Soak up the sun on the **Belle of Louisville** scenic river cruise.

Experience the nation's largest annual air show and fireworks display each year during the two-week-long Kentucky Derby Festival, **Thunder Over Louisville**.

Don your hat and join the celebrities at the annual run for the roses at the **Kentucky Derby**.

**Abbey Road on the River**, Memorial Day Weekend: Celebrate peace, love and rock-n-roll at the annual **Abbey Road on the River**, the world's largest Beatles-inspired music festival featuring over 250 Beatles and 60's themed concerts performed by 50 different bands from around the world! Shop for Beatles-merchandise at the marketplace, enjoy the on-site food and beverages, retail and craft vendors.

**Derby Dinner Playhouse**, noted for their Broadway musicals and light-hearted comedies, is continuing it's 45th anniversary celebration! 2020 will take off with the hit Broadway comedy "Boeing, Boeing", Jan. 8 - Feb. 16, 2020. The musical adaptation of the 70's classic film, "Saturday Night Fever" will run Feb. 19 - Mar. 29, 2020. The delightful Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes" is onstage Apr. 1 - May 17, 2020.



Enjoy the pavilion at **Fruit Hills Winery** sampling 18 different wines, including Indiana's award winning Traminette. Cheese, cracker and meat trays will be offered to complete the experience.

Get a local guide for a **Heritage Trail Backroads Tour** with stops at an Amish harness maker, toy maker, leather shop, jam maker and noodle shop.

The **Brown Bag Tour** provides a "gift" at each stop from the noodle shop, cheese shop, bulk food store, bakery and basket weaver.

Enjoy **Make-n-Take** activities such as shoo-fly pie baking in an Amish kitchen, "barn mice" in the log cabin candy shop, pretzel rolling, flower pin creation, wooden quilt blocks, and basket weaving.

**Watch, learn and sample** with the local Amish with a cinnamon roll, pie, scone or noodle making class.

The farmhouse at **Amish Acres** is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy a walking guided tour, tractor wagon ride tour, documentary film, horse drawn buggy ride,

Threshers Dinner and Broadway Musical.

Visit the weekly Classic Car Cruise-in on the grounds of **Das Dutchman Essenhaus**. Shop in the Village Shops and dine in their country restaurant.

Tour **Lippert Components** factory and see how RV furniture and mattresses are built by hand.

Take a free **RV Factory Plant Tour** in the RV Capital of the World.

Dine in an Amish home with the **Amish Wedding Feast**. Add a Cooking Class, Quilting Bee, Quilt Trunk Show, Horse Demo, Family Buggy Rides, or Amish Church presentation.

Learn how to make craft beer at **Southgate Crossing**. Shop & dine inside their Amish built "Big Red Barn".

See rare quilts in the **Stitches of Devotion** program. Hear the history behind each quilt, and learn about the people who crafted them.

**Ayr Kitchen Cabinet Factory** offers free guided tours watching Amish craftsmen building custom kitchen cabinets.

Enjoy the beauty at **Wellfield Botanic Gardens**

Recording Studios where the famous "Power Hour of Prayer" TV show is produced and shop for Bill & Gloria Gaither Memorabilia.

Get your motor running at the Indianapolis 500! Take a lap on the track, stop at Pagoda Plaza, stand on the famous Yard of Bricks at

the start/finish line, and cruise through Gasoline Alley while riding on a narrated bus around the one mile lap. See winning Indy 500 cars and racing memorabilia in the museum.

# Summer

Enjoy the summer days and nights in Indiana's best and brightest. Join us in Indiana next summer for the hottest tours and best kept secrets in the US!



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Enjoy premier craft beer tasting at the **Keg Liquors Fest of Ale** sampling of more than 250 craft beers, ciders, wines and more in a grass roots beer festival environment.

Celebrate painting, pottery, jazz and bluegrass during **Art on the Parish Green at St. Paul's Episcopal Church**.

Music, Arts, Activism Music Festival is found at **Forecastle Festival**.

Free **Jeffersonville Summer Concert Series**.

The **WFPK Waterfront Wednesday Concert Series** is a monthly free concert on the Big Four Lawn in Louisville Waterfront Park, adjacent to the iconic Big Four® Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge.

Visit visual and performing art demonstrations while you enjoy an array of food selections plus the art of winemaking at **Art in Speed Park**.

**Steamboat Nights** heritage festival includes live music, sundown cinema, a balloon glimmer, interactive giant lite-brite public art, juried art, and tastings in the wine and spirits tent.

Experience an ABA "Best of the Best" with **Derby Dinner Playhouse** which entertains more than 200,000 people a year. Summer brings a side-splitting comedy from May 20 - June 28, 2020, and a family favorite musical from July 1 - Aug.16, 2020.



May 30-Sept. 15, annually **Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail**. Amish Country of Northern Indiana's most popular event in Indiana! Features 17 giant gardens planted in the shape of quilt patterns along the 90 mile scenic Heritage Trail.

Take the **Pieces, Pies & Posies Tour**. Shop at fabric stores collecting fat quarters, pie recipes, see pie demos and eat, eat, eat while enjoying the Quilt Gardens.

June 24-27, 2020 **Shipshewana Quilt Festival** offers product presentations, vendor demos, an educational schoolhouse, plus a Quilt & Vendor show with 200+ quilts on display.

August 19-22, 2020, August 18, 2021, August 24-27, 2022 **American Quilters Society QuiltFest Extravaganza**. Experience 2 states and 2 group friendly destinations over a 4 night period for an amazing and marketable itinerary that quilting groups will love! Start in Indiana, end in Michigan experiencing the best in art, garden design, and fiber explosion.

The newest Adventure—the **WinField Crop Adventure**. Experience modern crop farming, see and touch high-tech tools farmers use. Play underground with bugs. Catch virtual raindrops by witnessing a state-of-the-art thunderstorm from underground.

Attend a demonstration and lecture, then "howl with the wolves" at **Wolf Park**.



Enjoy professional Broadway shows, plays and productions at **Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre** in Indianapolis where the "Beef" is representative of their signature and delicious hand carved roast beef served before each performance, and "Boards" referring to the boards or stage of a theatre.

2020 season to be announced including popular well-loved names of Broadway shows such as "The Little Mermaid", "Hairspray", and "Little Shop of Horrors".

Located at Michigan Road & I-465 on Indianapolis's northwest side, with plenty of free parking for cars and buses.

If you are planning an overnight stay, there are a dozen hotels right in the College Park area, including two within walking distance of the theatre.

Beef & Boards is a member of Actors' Equity Association, the only union for professional actors in legitimate theatre.

# Fall

Indiana explodes with bright colors of bold red, yellow and orange from the apple farm to the pumpkin patch. Join us in Indiana next fall and be surrounded by beauty!



Enjoy a one-of-a-kind and Educational Grizzly Bear Encounter with Jeff Watson at **Wilstem Wildlife Park**, while viewing them up close and taking legendary photos.

Delight in seeing **The American Variety Show**, reminiscent of The Andy Williams Show, The Carol Burnett Show, The American Bandstand, and many other classic variety shows we all grew to love.

Delight in unspoiled views of Indiana

fall foliage at picturesque Patoka Lake combined with Indiana wines and hors d'oeuvres/desserts to make for a relaxing autumn afternoon aboard the **Patoka Voyager Cruise Boat!**

All aboard on the narrated dicky-clack **French Lick Scenic Railway** for this relaxing train ride through the rolling hills of the Hoosier National Forest in Southern Indiana where color abounds on your fall journey!

**Bear Hollow Wood Carvers** offers one-of-a-kind chainsaw sculptures created by award-winning carvers with hand-carving demonstrations.

Enjoy a step-on guided history tour of **French Lick West Baden**.

Take a free tour of the **First Chance Center Factory** and browse fabrics to customize your own creations or gift items including bags, stockings and aprons.



**Harvest Homecoming Festival** a three-day "Pumpkin Festival," in New Albany.

Enjoy country music during the **Hometown Rising festival**.

**Bourbon & Beyond** is a fall festival with

a music, food, and of course BOURBON! **Louder Than Life's** is Louisville's largest rock-n-roll festival.

**Derby Dinner Playhouse** will present an exciting new show from Aug. 19 - Sept.

27, 2020, and a murderously fun mystery from Sept. 30 - Nov. 8, 2020. Enjoy the freshly prepared home-style buffet, along with a full salad bar, included with every performance.



Experience the mystique of the **University of Notre Dame** with a guided walking tour. See the Basilica of Sacred Heart, the locker room, touch the field and get your picture with the "Play like a Champion" sign on the insiders tour of the famous football stadium!

Dine in the historic Studebaker Mansion, **Tippecanoe Place**, surrounded by opulence from the late 1800's.

Admire nearly 70 timeless vehicles, including one-of-a-kind classics like the 1934 Bendix, and President Lincoln's Carriage at the **Studebaker National Museum**.

Located on the same campus as the Studebaker Museum, enjoy the Oliver Mansion (makers of the Oliver plow) along with artifacts from northern Indiana on a guided tour of **Copshaholm**.

**Fall Frolic Backroads Guided Tour:** A culinary journey through a fall colored countryside. Dip a caramel apple, participate in pie making, visit a pumpkin patch, and relive your childhood memories of bonfires and hayrides.

One of the most photographed spots in Elkhart County, this restored mill is the Visit Indiana's oldest operating gristmill. Watch the stone grind grain into flour as the miller tells about the process at **Bonneville Mill**.

Visit one of only ten robotic dairy farms in Indiana at **Knollbrook Farm**. Enjoy a photo op around the "cow" and "spider" hay bales, stroll thru the corn maze and try the pumpkin sling shot.

October 1-3, 2020: Celebrate the **Fall Crafters Fair**, a tribute to the crafting and old-fashioned culture in the surrounding countryside with demos, entertainers, musicians, blacksmiths, and crafters.

A unique experience: **Blue Gate Carriage Ride & Family Style Meal** served-at-the-table, all you can eat homestyle favorites, that groups expect and love in Amish Country; plus a relaxing carriage ride around Shipshewana.

Enjoy a concert at the **Blue Gate Performing Arts Center** by renowned and famous performers like Daniel O'Donnell, Josh Turner, Gaithers, Oak Ridge Boys and more!

See Mae West's and Charles Lindbergh's touring RV's at the nation's only **RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum** located in the "RV Capital of the World".

Get your hands messy, don a chef's hat, laugh and learn, while competing against your fellow group members at the **Hell's Kitchen Inspired Interactive Wine & Dine Experience!**

Visit the historic Hoosier Cabinet Museum at **Coppes Commons** for a glimpse into the Coppes Kitchens. This rustic brick structure houses an Amish pretzel shop, bakery, popcorn shop, bulk food store, weaver, and "out of this world" ice cream.

The **Homes of the Kitchen Industry Tour** takes you through the historic area where you'll learn about the Mutschler, Coppes and Zook family homes that once made Nappanee "the kitchen capital of the world".

See the house that Alka Seltzer built in Elkhart. Tour **Ruthmere**, the home to entrepreneur Mr. Albert Beardsley. See Tiffany leaded glass, Rodin sculptures, velvet window coverings, hand painted walls, and walnut woodwork.



Enjoy a tasty dinner buffet prepared by **Beef & Boards** in-house chef, plus a full-service bar and mouthwatering gourmet desserts prior to delighting in the professional Broadway theatre productions.

Be sure to stop by the Intermission gift shop for unique gift ideas, and ask about seeing more shows for less through our VIP membership program.