



# BEST OF THE MIDWEST OHIO AND INDIANA AMISH TOURS



Give your groups **ONE** culture in **TWO** states over **SIX** days and experience countless amounts of fun and adventures.

**THIS MULTI-DAY TOUR FEATURES HIGHLIGHTS FROM OHIO AMISH COUNTRY IN HOLMES COUNTY AND AMISH COUNTRY OF NORTHERN INDIANA IN ELKHART COUNTY!**

**DATES & ITINERARY OPTIONS ON FOLLOWING PAGES**  
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## HOLMES COUNTY, OHIO

### DAY ONE

Arrive to Dutch Valley in Sugarcreek for lunch on own, meet local guide here.

**1:30 p.m. Swiss Heritage Winery/Hans Tasting Room**

Enjoy signature locally made wines, cheeses, and specialty sangria at the NEW Hans Tasting Room. Savor delicious cheeses and enjoy the lovely outdoor patio!

**2:30 p.m. Homestead Furniture**

Homestead Furniture combines the craftsmanship of our Amish Heritage with cutting edge design from dining room, office, and bedroom suites to simply a stunning live edge or hardwood statement piece, we've got you covered! Enjoy a tour of our factory which is off the grid state of the art, then browse our showroom and gallery filled exquisite pieces! We can even provide an authentic Amish Church Lunch experience at our beautiful event center!

**3:00 p.m. Walnut Creek Cheese**

Walnut Creek Cheese and Country Store features locally made cheeses, fabulous prices in the deli, fresh meats, produce, jams, jellies, candies, and the best homemade ice cream in the county! Taste the best homemade ice cream in the county!

**4:00 p.m. Check in at your host hotel**

Overnight accommodations available at Carlisle Inns of Walnut Creek and Sugarcreek, Berlin Encore Hotel and Suites, Comfort Suites Berlin, Historic Hotel Millersburg, and The Wallhouse. Prices vary between seasons.



**5:30 p.m. Private Tour & Dinner in the Ivory Room at the Warther Museum**

Enjoy a guided tour of the renowned Warther Museum featuring the fabulous ivory and ebony steam engine carvings by the World's Master Carver, Mooney Warther. Stroll through the Swiss Gardens to Mrs. Warther's Button House filled with over 70,000 buttons arranged in quilt pattern artwork, visit the family home, then sit down to a delicious dinner in the Ivory Room surrounded by the priceless works of art. Visit the knife sales and gift shop following the tour where the family creates the finest kitchen cutlery in the world! Truly a one of a kind unforgettable experience!

### DAY TWO

**6:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Breakfast at your host hotel**

**8:15 a.m. Meet your guide in the hotel lobby**

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## **DAY TWO** *(cont.)*

### **8:30 a.m. Ohio Country Roads Tour Guide**

Your local guide takes you on a back country roads tour, including visits to several Amish cottage industries, where you will meet the makers and enjoy making your own treats to take home!

### **9:00 a.m. Lamp and Light Candles**

Enjoy watching the Amish ladies demonstrate how they carve candles into beautiful works of art! Browse the quaint store filled with delicious smelling jar candles and so much more!



### **10:00 a.m. Troyer's Homemade Candies**

Anna Troyer began making candy in her Amish home in the 1960s to subsidize her family income. Her daughter Lydia carries on the tradition of making candy in her home featuring her famous cream truffles, cashew crunch, turtle bars, buckeyes, caramel butter puffs, nut clusters, seasonal treats, and more! You can dip your own buckeyes to take home!

### **11:00 a.m. Coblentz Leather Goods**

Meet the Troyer family and enjoy watching them make fine tooled leather goods featuring belts, purses, wallets, and more! Feed the goats and ducks and enjoy their antics as they frolic in the yard!

### **12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own at the Farmstead in Berlin**

### **2:00 p.m. Choose one of the following tour options:**

Visit *Yoder's Amish Farm and Home* to view two Amish homes, visit with the animals in the barn and learn more about their role on the farm, take a buggy ride through the meadow, and visit a replica one room Amish school to learn more about their education system. Enjoy watching the Amish girls can and bake in the kitchen and enjoy purchasing some home made goods in the pantry!

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Visit the *Farm at Walnut Creek* for a one hour wagon ride through the beautiful 120 acre working Amish farm. Feed the animals from six different continents, then enjoy visiting the Amish home for a treat in the Kitchen. Watch workers planting crops, harvesting, and cooking in the kitchen!

### **4:00 p.m. Relax and freshen up at your host hotel**

### **5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Choose one of the following Dinner & Variety Show options:**

The **Amish Country Dinner Theater** features a fun filled two hour musical and comedy variety show. Enjoy hilarious comedy and musical skits, fabulous ventriloquist and lots of fun audience participation! Lunch and dinner options available Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays. Dinner only on Thursdays. Christmas in the Country begins mid November. (Dinner first on arrival, show at 7 p.m.)

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## DAY TWO (cont.)

**Ohio Star Theatre fun-filled family friendly evening in Sugarcreek.** Conveniently located next to the Carlisle Inn and Dutch Valley Restaurant, this is the place to let your heart sing and your spirit soar! From Amish musicals to live gospel acts, comedians, tribute bands, and more, you will get carried away with musical magic!

**9:30**                              **Return to your host hotel after evening activities**

## DAY THREE

**6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.**              **Breakfast & check out at your host hotel**

**7:45 a.m.**                              **Meet your guide in the hotel lobby**

**8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**          **Backroads Country Tour Guide**



### *Hershberger Bakery and Farmers Market*

Enjoy the best Amish baked goods featuring their famous fry pies, stuffed cookies, cream sticks, rolls, homemade jams, jellies, noodles, and locally made arts and crafts. Fresh local produce and farm animals to enjoy looking at including Big Ben, largest Belgian Draft Horse in the US!

### *Heini's Cheese Chalet*

Heini's Cheese Chalet for the finest cheeses made with local Amish farm milk! Features signature yogurt cheeses along with traditional swiss, Colby, cheddar, dessert fudge cheeses, meats, jams, and so much more!

### *Basket Making Demonstration at Hershberger Baskets*

Hershberger Baskets is a very strict Swartzentruber Amish family where visitors can enjoy watching Mattie or one of her boys create beautiful hand woven veneer baskets. Try your hand at making one or enjoy the wide selection for sale!

### *Shopping & Lunch on your own at the café inside Lehman's Hardware and Old Fashioned Country Store*

Lehman's Hardware and Old Fashioned Country Store in business since the 1950's features the non electrical items the Amish use in their homes from wood stoves, oil lamps, kitchen gadgets, to small farm machinery and appliances. Enjoy the large bookstore, array of pottery, and many other house and farm necessities! Thursdays are livestock auction day and visitors can enjoy watching the Amish buy and sell produce and animals.

**1:30 p.m.**                              **Depart Ohio Amish Country for Northern Indiana Amish Country in Elkhart County**

## OHIO OPTIONS

Enjoy a meal at an Amish farm featuring an all you can eat family style feast featuring traditional Ohio Amish cuisine such as real mashed potatoes with brown butter, dressing, home made noodles, pan fried chicken, glazed ham, or pot roast beef, home baked bread and Amish peanut butter whip, and assorted pies featuring our famous coconut cream, peanut butter crumb, or season fruit pies such as fresh strawberry, peach, and dutch apple. Make and take your own whoopie pie cookies to take home or learn how to make the famous Amish peanut butter whip!

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## DAY THREE CONTINUED THE BEST OF INDIANA AMISH COUNTRY

Late afternoon

Arrive from Ohio and check in the Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center or various other local hotels

Evening Options



### **Dinner, shopping and evening on your own on the Das Dutchman Essenhaus campus** [Buffet or family-style meals are offered]

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. Add in a family-friendly faith based production inside the Essenhaus Heritage Hall.

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**Amish Quilting Bee or Cooking Demonstration served with family-style dinner inside an Amish family home**

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### **Amish Wedding Feast**

It's a once of a lifetime experience feasting on a traditional Amish wedding dinner in the charming setting of "The Carriage House". Elaine and her son Seth explain what an Amish wedding day is like complete with this special meal that would be traditionally served by the Amish to their wedding guests. Groups see an Amish bride's wedding dress up close and hear the customary German Wedding song sung.

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### **Farm Fun & Dinner at Meadow Brook Farm and Historic Home**

Do you enjoy the sight of tractors in fields of corn, the touch of a furry donkey nose, or the smell of warm apple cider or fresh squeezed lemonade? These are all things that can be found at Meadow Brook Farm and Historic Home in Northern Indiana. Come take a tour of the 1860 vintage home that was constructed during the Civil War. Hear documented stories from the farm's Author and Storyteller from visitors that traveled the nearby Pumpkinvine Railway, while sipping on some cider or lemonade and munching on a homemade donut. The carefully restored barns are places of gathering and fellowship and is your host location for a delicious lunch or dinner. Enjoy hands-on fun with a make-take homespun donkey craft followed by the story of the Jesus Donkey with opportunities to pet and take a fun photo op which is just irresistible! Your afternoon or evening experience at Meadow Brook will be filled with memorable experiences and one you won't forget!

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## DAY FOUR

**6:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.**

**Breakfast at your host hotel**

**8:15 a.m.**

**Meet Guide in lobby of your host hotel**



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

**Backroads Amish Country Tour Guide**

Orley Miller welcomes you to his community, his daughter's home for lunch and to his friends and neighbors businesses on this guided tour thru Amish Country. You'll visit a one room Amish schoolhouse, the Amish buggy shop and the Amish Casket maker plus time to shop in the Amish stores. Orley might have some surprises and stops along the way depending on what his friends and family have planned for this time of year. You'll enjoy his easy going conversation and personal insights in to his personal way of life on this full day of fun! The Family style meal included in this package is at Yoder's Homestyle Banquets cooked fresh by Orley's daughter Caroline featuring the family-style meal complete with 2 meats, sides, bread, pies and beverages.

**Menno-Hof Amish Mennonite Interpretive Center**

Learn the religious history and background of the Amish, Mennonite and Huterite people from their beginnings in Europe through their arrival in North America. Several interactive exhibits and displays depict "real life" experiences and answer many questions.

**5:00 p.m.**

**Return to hotel // Say good-bye to your guide**

**Depart for Nappanee**

**6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**The Barns at Nappanee Threshers Buffet & Round Barn Theatre Production**

Enjoy The Barns famous family style Threshers Buffet in the century old barn restaurant. Top off the evening in the majestic 1911 Round Barn Theatre with a Broadway famous musical production.

## DAY FIVE

**6:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.**

**Breakfast and check out of hotel**

**Check-out**



**8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**RV Manufacturing Plant Tour, Various [Free]**

Welcome to the "RV Capital of the World"! Over 80% of the world's inventory of Travel Trailers, 5th Wheels, Class C & A Motorhomes, Truck Campers and Fold-Downs are all manufactured in this area. Your group will enjoy a plant tour through one of the numerous RV manufacturing facilities, including watching Amish creating handcrafted furniture and sewing processes.

**10:30 a.m.**

**Depart Middlebury for Elkhart**

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## **DAY FIVE** *(cont.)*



### **11 a.m. - Noon**

### **RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum, Elkhart**

This shrine to the RV in the “RV Capital” traces the history of RVing from early 1913 travel-trailers to today’s state-of-the-art motor homes. The 80,000 sq. ft. museum showcase a fascinating collection of one-of-a-kind camping cars, house trailers, and house cars including a gem custom built for Hollywood screen siren Mae West. Follow the time trail of vintage RVs arrayed among murals of scenic America.

### **Depart Elkhart for Nappanee**

### **12:30 p.m. - Departure**

### **Hoosier Cabinet Exhibit Self-Guided Tour, Shopping & Lunch on your own at Coppes Commons**

At the turn of the century, the Nappanee Furniture Co., owned in part by the Coppes Bros., was the largest employer in Nappanee, producing fine furniture and various styles of the famous “Hoosier Cabinet.” The company is still in operation today and holds the distinction of being the longest continuously operating cabinet maker in the U.S. Step back in time and visit the original 1876 building where a collection of specialty shops offers locally made, handcrafted and fresh-baked goods. Visit the historic Hoosier Cabinet exhibit with Coppes Commons’ resident historian. Groups are given a fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpse into the Coppes Kitchens, once ordered by Frank Sinatra and President John F. Kennedy. Time for shopping, lunch at the Nappanee Bakery, Perfect Twist Pretzel Shop, or Culinary Mill Deli and “out of this world” ice cream at Rocket Science can be included during this free time.

### **Depart for home**

## **INDIANA OPTIONS**



### **Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail**

Designated a TOP 100 EVENT by American Bus Association for seven years, the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail is a one-of-its kind experience found only in Elkhart County, Indiana, starting annually May 30 and continues to September 15. We’ve packed 150,000 plants, with over 1 million blooms into giant gardens planted in the shape of Quilt Patterns. Add in hand-painted giant quilt murals all combined in six welcoming communities along the Heritage Trail and you have a quilters and gardeners dream tour. With the added bonus of exciting new options designed for quilters & gardeners including themed exceptional hands-on activities and themed shopping, the Quilt Gardens set the stage for an exceptional group tour wrapped in quilt and gardening themes, packed with fun! Join your local expert gardener and get the inside scoop on a guided tour of the official Quilt Gardens and Murals.

### **The Barns at Nappanee historic Amish House & Farm Tour, Documentary Films, Wagon Ride and Shopping**

Tour the nation’s only Old Order Amish farmstead listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Step inside the historic farmhouse and learn about the heritage, culture and history of the “Plain People”. Afterwards take a wagon ride to the one-room Amish School for an old-fashioned spelling bee. A documentary film about the Amish completes the experience. Spend time shopping and browsing the country shops.

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### **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 of 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, jelly beans, licorice, and other non-chocolate treats.

### **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.

### **Stone Ground Flour at Bonneyville Mill**

Feel the floor shake as giant millstones rumble into action grinding grain into flour at Indiana's oldest continuously operating gristmill. A friendly miller tells all about the process and types of grain. Explore the 150 plus year-old mill where there's a story on every floor. The mill is picture perfect and the surrounding county park is ideal for a nature-filled walk along well marked paths.

### **Cook's Bison Ranch Wagon Farm Tour & Chuckwagon BBQ Buffet**

Take a hay-wagon ride with your local expert guide into the pasture to hand feed the great American Bison in its own habitat. Learn the intricacies of raising, feeding and managing this wild animal. A unique experience for all ages. Dinner or lunch is an old fashioned chuck-wagon bar-b-que featuring bison and pulled pork plus all the fixings and sides including a dessert & beverages that groups love.

### **Hunter's Hideaway Bar & Grill Lunch or Dinner**

Looking for a local outdoor dining experience perfect for groups? Wanting something different from fried chicken and mashed potatoes, an Amish Country favorite? Then Nappanee's own Hunters Hideaway offers the eclectic menu and relaxed seating found in a locally owned neighborhood bar and grill. From steaks, wings, salads, burgers, pizza and more, this friendly and easy dining option is led by a General Manager who promises fast service and excellent food for groups of all sizes.

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