



Amish Country Christmas Frolic

Sample Itinerary

Tuesday, November –day one on own

- 11:00 a.m. EST** Arrive Shipshewana
Blue Gate Restaurant – use Bus Entrance on North side of bldg
195 N Van Buren St
Shipshewana, IN 46565
- 11:00-2:30 p.m.** Buffet lunch and theater at the Blue Gate--\$53.95 pp incl
Lunch first then theater presentation. No intermission.
Show TBD
- 2:45-3:45 p.m.** Shopping time in downtown Shipshewana
- 4:00-4:45 p.m.** Visit Heritage Ridge Creamery—no charge
11275 W 250 N, Middlebury, IN 46540
- 5:00 p.m.** Check in at your host hotel
- Dinner TBD – Consider adding an Amish wedding feast and program--\$25 pp incl

Wednesday, November 2019

8:30-5:00 p.m. EST Amish Country Christmas Frolic \$195 guide PLUS \$16 pp (4 gifts, bag)

Your group will enjoy a unique holiday experience in the authentically Amish communities of Middlebury, Shipshewana, Topeka. You will fill your holiday themed shopping bag with goodies galore as you collect gifts throughout your tour of unique one-of-a-kind Amish stops. Far from the beaten path, you are sure to find ideas for your holiday gift giving as you “shop small” in locally owned Amish operated businesses.

- 8:15 a.m.** Meet your guide in your hotel lobby
Pass out bags
- 8:30 a.m.** Begin your Tour

Visit the Rise ‘N Roll Bakery (gift)

Welcome to the “out of this world” bakery famous in Amish Country for melt-in-your-mouth cinnamon caramel donuts. These soft and tender treats are covered with mounds of powdery cinnamon sugar,

literally melt in your mouth. You won't be able to stop with just the free sample! Stroll through the maze of goodies including their renowned cashew crunch, cheesy sausage loaf, fresh baked breads, pies and cakes plus jars of jams, jellies and condiments. Free samples & coffee!

Meet an Amish Toy Maker - Authentic Amish Experience (gift) \$4 pp incl

Sometimes the simple toys are the best ones. See a wide assortment of handmade wooden toys and games for everyone on your "nice list". Release your inner-child as you visit this Backroads Amish Toy Maker. A large variety of farm toys, trains, doll and marble toys to entertain the children of all ages.

Meet an Amish Candy Maker – sampling & dipping demo (gift)

This Amish couple is as sweet as their treats. Daniel and Sarah share how they got started in this sweet endeavor while you sample a variety of chocolate covered treats! Hand dipped with care to produce melt in your mouth happiness.

Taste Amish made sugar free all natural Jam & Jelly (gift)

You'll smell the goodness as you come through the door. Meet Orly & Carolyn and see how they make their all-natural sugar free jam with no corn syrup or unnecessary additives. Samples to savor of these yummy fruit spreads and other fine products.

Visit an Amish General Store – see a real Amish village

Not gone and not forgotten are the general stores of yesteryear. In an area where the most common mode of transportation is a horse & buggy the general store was once and is still the hub of commerce for sleepy little towns like Topeka. This 10,000 square foot Amish mercantile has all things necessary for the daily needs of area families from bulk foods to ladies' coverings. Be sure to look up at the unique belt driven fan that was custom made for this interesting establishment.

Haystack meal PLUS Amish Church Program - \$22 pp incl

Enjoy a genuine Amish Country experience of a lifetime. Meet the family, including grandma, dad, and the kids. Sit down to a traditional Amish Haystack meal. A fun and tasty experience! This meal has a wonderful history in the Amish community and is often served for fundraisers. It all started with a classroom full of creative Amish children and a Paul Newman cooking contest. Following lunch your host Seth will share insights into the history and customs of the Amish church service and how they prepare to host 200 for Sunday services and lunch. There will be an opportunity for Q&A following the program.

Visit the Teaberry's & Create a Wooden Quilt Block - \$28 pp incl

Meet LaVern and Rachel, the Amish-Mennonite dynamic duo that has made Teaberry Wood Products a favorite stop. Enjoy one-on-one time with this artisan team as you create a quilt block pieced entirely of exotic and local hardwoods. A woodshop tour and shopping time are included in this one-on-one crafting experience. Participants leave with a work of art worthy of gifting or kept as a treasured memory of their travels.

Return to your host hotel

Say good-bye to your guide

Note: Prices subject to change without notice

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