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Countryside Makers of Shipshewana, Middlebury & Northern Indiana

This unique stop at a local **Chime Maker** will have you fascinated with the simple sounds of his creations. The owner will demonstrate the process behind making the chimes before giving you the opportunity to stroll through his showroom. You'll leave here feeling soothed after a day of excitement.

Tour a true representation of our area, the **RV industry**. As the RV capital of the world, this will open up the "behind the scenes" process of how these homes on wheels are built. You'll be intrigued with the amount of work that goes into building an RV from scratch. This visit might have you thinking about hitching one up and taking it home for yourself!

After the tour, you will make your way outside of town to visit a **Wood Puzzle and Basket Maker**. He loves to share the story of his family and how their love for this craft began. You'll notice while walking through their shop, they do more than just the weaving puzzles, their wood baskets are unlike anything else and can be appreciated by all.

Travel to a local **Amish Market** that will have your mouth watering. Owned and operated by an Amish family of eight, you'll learn how each family member contributes in their own way. While they are famous for their homemade noodles, they have an unmatched variety of other delicious products from candies, spices, honey, spreads, and plenty more. You'll find yourself trying all of the samples and quickly filling up your shopping basket.

Just down the road is where you will visit a lovely Mennonite woman who is thrilled to have you in her **Butter Room**. She demonstrates her craft of making real fruit turn into melt-in-your-mouth butters. She also enjoys explaining the Amish culture and letting you in on her own heritage.

As you depart and journey throughout the scenic countryside, you will soon pull into a **Leather Shop**. The handcrafted work is unbelievable and you'll gain even more appreciation as the owner explains his practice. From belts, purses, wallets, and more, you'll want to change up your style with these pieces.



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Countryside Makers continued...

Nestled away on a backroad, you'll discover a **Popcorn Shop**, one of the area's hidden treasures. Follow the smell of freshly popped popcorn and you will stumble upon a bag for yourself. While munching on your snack, listen as they tell you about their business and give you the opportunity to shop around for a treat to take with. Movie night at home will be that much better now!

Your next stop will treat you to a **Quilting Bee and Dinner in an Amish Home**. You will be welcomed with a smile and warm hospitality. Experience true Amish cooking as you are served a traditional Thresher's Meal and participate in a quilting bee.

Tour Charges:

- Includes venue, receptive operator and step-on-guide fees, minimum 25 people.
- Full Day - \$50.00 per person
- Half Day - \$42.00 per person