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What's **NEW** for Groups in 2019

What's the Difference Amish Style--\$3 pp (\$100min) PLUS meal cost which varies by menu \$15-\$21 pp incl

Did you ever wonder why the Amish dress as they do? Why do younger Amish girls wear brightly colored dresses while older women wear darker colors? Or how the Amish live without electricity? Linda Miller and her Old Order Amish family invite you to their family farmstead where you'll get a chance to ask all those questions and more in person. First, sit down for a delicious home-cooked meal served in their banquet hall, Hoosier Banquets. Delight in a variety of menu options. Afterward, you'll engage in lively conversation with Linda who is open to answering all your questions. This is a 30-minute program that includes examples of dresses and sewing practices.

Authentic Amish Itinerary Options--\$4 pp incl per stop (\$100 min per stop)

Get to know the Amish first-hand with unique itinerary options. Hear unique stories from imaginative, friendly, hardworking people who have cultivated specific ethnic skills to create specialized products that serve the local Amish community. Go beyond the average tourist attractions for a behind the scenes look at these amazing endeavors. Still popular and informative options are the Amish camel dairy farm, Amish coffin & casket maker, Amish buggy maker and a visit with an Amish one-room school teacher.

NEW! Visit an Amish Toy Maker--\$4 pp incl

Step inside an Amish toymaker's workshop where an internet connection is not required to keep the kids entertained. Meet Owen a self-taught toy maker who crafts fine wooden toys and games for children of all ages. This experience includes a workshop tour, Q&A discussion and shopping time.

New! Meet an Amish Harness Maker--\$4 pp incl

Horses and buggies are part of the Old Order Amish identity requiring specialized equipment and craftsmanship to provide their transportation needs. A skilled saddle and harness maker could earn an excellent living in colonial America but how does this work for a 21st century Amishman? Meet Owen and see how he makes harnesses and horseshoes to meet the needs of his community without power from the grid. This experience includes a workshop tour and ample time for Q&A.

NEW! Dinner and a Story at Meadow Brook Farm, plus home tour--\$8 pp incl PLUS \$26 pp incl catered buffet

Dinner is served at this historic stop along the Heritage Trail. A wonderful BBQ buffet awaits you at this richly appointed country farmhouse. Your experience begins with a greeting by your host on the bus followed by storyteller Linda Garber and one of her captivating stories. The house was constructed during the 1860's by a wealthy Chicago family. The home and barns at Meadow Brook Farm were built with wood from the surrounding area and features outstanding quarter-sawn oak, maple and poplar trim throughout.

Guests enjoy seeing five original structures listed on Indiana's Historical Registry, including the home, two barns, a granary, and the smokehouse. This is not your average farmhouse, with 6 themed bedrooms, many closets and 42 windows that overlook vast farm fields nearby. See antique farm implements, John Deere tractor collection and a "Jesus Donkey". A self-guided tour of the original 1860 historical home, barns and outbuildings is followed by a buffet style BBQ featuring Nelson's Famous Port-a-pit® chicken, pulled pork, and their yummy Pit-Tatoes!

Victorian Tea Party Luncheon at an Amish home with Scone Making demo & take home--\$21 pp incl

See how Linda makes her delicious scones and learn how to make them for your next brunch. Linda's down to earth approach makes the process easy and fun! You are sure to enjoy this Amish Victorian style tea party with your group featuring elegant place settings of fine china, two teas or coffee if the guest prefers. This luncheon is a great way to mix up your menu offerings. This also includes a Q&A time for your guests to learn more about the Amish culture and their customs. (Note the scone demonstration does not include extras for take home)

Luncheon Options

Finger sandwiches consisting of cucumber and chicken salad served on homemade bread

- OR - Chicken salad wrap

Served with

Soup or Salad (tossed or broccoli cauliflower salad)

Fresh baked scone

Homemade ice cream with fruit topping

2 flavors of tea, coffee and water

New! Meet & Make Scone tasting & take home--\$6 pp PLUS meal which varies by menu \$15-\$21 pp incl

Get to know the Amish where they live and work. Meet Linda Miller and her Amish friends and watch as Linda shares her scone making techniques and tips. Enjoy a coffee break and scone as you learn everything you need to know to ensure perfectly baked scones time and time again. This experience includes tasting, recipe and a to go box of scones to take home with you. This can be scheduled as a midmorning or afternoon itinerary option with a return visit for your meal later that day.

Thresher Meal at Hoosier Banquets with Great Life Tours *short Q&A session included--\$21 pp incl

Nothing can compare to an Amish Thresher Meal authentically served by Linda & her Amish friends. Two delicious meats, fluffy homemade dinner rolls, salad, vegetable, mashed potatoes and gravy with a generous helping of noodles and dressing. YUM!! Following your meal, pie and homemade ice cream will be served as we open the floor for questions from your group. This short Q&A time is a treasured opportunity for guests to interact with hosts Linda & Ray Miller who say they enjoy it as much as their guests do.

NEW! Buggy rides at Hoosier Banquets--\$5 pp incl PLUS meal which varies by menu \$15-\$21pp incl

While in Amish country do as the locals do and take a ride in a real Amish buggy. Following your meal, you will be invited to take a short buggy ride past pristine Amish farms on welcoming backroads. Let the rhythmic sound of trotting hooves carry you away to a simpler time and place. Available following lunch or dinner.

NEW! St. Paul's Memorial United Methodist Church Tour & Concert—Historic South Bend--\$50 organist fee
Historic St. Paul's Memorial UMC is intimately associated with the Studebaker family. This historic gem was completed in 1903, the church is designed in 15th century English Gothic style. The church windows and skylights are stunning one-of-a-kind glass works created by German stain glass artists Mayer and Company. St. Paul's pipe organ which consists of 2400 pipes is one of the largest in South Bend and has recently been beautifully rebuilt with front pipes freshly layered in gold leaf. An ancient baptismal font dates to the 12th century and is believed to have been created by Roman marble workers; and may be the oldest baptismal font in the United States still in use. Marvel in your surroundings as you are serenaded by an organist on their newly restored pipe organ. Consider adding a gourmet box lunch in their fellowship hall followed by a stop at the National Studebaker Museum & Center for History.

Four Winds South Bend--\$3 pp incl (4-hour minimum stay required)

Groups receive a \$15 slot play credit plus up to \$10 food credit during your 4-hour stay. 1,800 slot games found in 175,000 square feet of gaming including progressives which are linked to slot machines in other casinos around the country and produce life-changing jackpots. In addition, Four Winds South Bend will feature four restaurants including signature favorites such as Copper Rock Steakhouse, The Buffet, three bars, and retail outlets.

“My Amish Life Tour” with Great Life Tours--\$195 for guide (tip optional), PLUS \$18 pp incl Haystack lunch, PLUS \$6 pp incl cinnamon roll & coffee, PLUS \$4 pp after school treat

Have you ever wondered what it's like to run a household without electricity or live without owning a car? Hear the story of the Amish lifestyle from the Amish themselves. Start off your day with a cinnamon roll & coffee and learn how Elaine makes this yummy no-frills pastry. You'll visit a buggy maker then shop in Slab Town. See hand-woven baskets being made by a family of weavers. Enjoy a popular the most popular Amish fundraiser meal, the Haystack. Then go back to school, one room that is... Visit with an Amish teacher and if you're a good “scholar” you'll go home with a yummy treat for a sweet end to your day.

“Grab Bag Tour” with Great Life Tours--\$195 for guide (tip optional) PLUS \$16 pp incl (Grab Bag & 4 goodies) PLUS \$21 pp incl Thresher lunch

We'll supply the bag and treats, and you'll grab the fun! Every stop is a treat when your guide passes out goodies at every stop. We'll visit Amish artisan shops and the bakery followed by a scrumptious Thresher meal in an Amish home. Select your four favorite stops from our long list of choices and we'll take care of the rest. Guests go home with a bag full of goodies and precious memories of their time spent in beautiful Indiana Amish Country.

NEW! Fall Fun along the Heritage Trail with Great Life Tours--\$195 guide (tip optional) PLUS \$16 pp incl (Grab Bag & 4 gifts) PLUS \$5 pp incl dairy farm tour, hayride, pumpkin slingshot & activities

Bag some Fall Fun for your group with this variation of our Grab Bag Tour. Each member of your group will receive an empty goodie bag that will soon be overflowing with locally made Autumn themed treats from local Amish shops. You will travel scenic backroads and byways ablaze with color as your guide leads you along the nationally recognized Heritage Trail. Each stop brings a new treat and every treat tells a story as you meet charming Amish business owners throughout the day. You'll visit a bakery, creamery & cheese shop, an Amish noodle shop.

Following lunch, you will enjoy a visit to an automated dairy and pumpkin farm. Watch as the cows virtually milk themselves in this informative presentation. Then get on board the hay wagon for your ride through the pumpkin patch where you will see pink, white and even blue pumpkins! Then try your hand at the pumpkin slingshot & other fun activities. You finish the day at the “Amish Trader Joes” the bulk food store. It's a full day of fun in the fresh Autumn air, Amish style!

NEW! Meet & Make Pumpkin Roll cooking class & take home--\$8 pp incl PLUS meal which varies by menu \$18-\$21pp incl

Celebrate the warmth of harvest season with a Meet & Make cooking class with Elaine and her Amish friends. You'll learn the secrets to Elaine's delicious Pumpkin Roll wrapped around a fluffy cream cheese filling. Then your group will join in to make one of their own to take home to share with family or friends. You will meet Elaine and son Seth who are the heart of this successful Amish banquet business located on their family farm. The recipe and lively conversation are included in this tasty experience. Lunch rounds out your visit to this lovely farmstead where hospitality and great service are shared in equal measure. This includes coffee and tasting plus a pumpkin roll to take home.

**NEW! Christmas Frolic in Amish Country with Great Life Tours--\$195 for guide (tip optional)
PLUS \$16 pp incl (Grab Bag & 4 goodies) PLUS \$4 pp Amish Church Program, PLUS \$18 pp incl haystack lunch
PLUS \$6 pp Cookie Decorating OR \$4 pp Make a Treasure Box**

An Amish Christmas Frolic unlike any other. You will visit unique Amish shops featuring locally made items to add to your stocking or under your tree. Everyone will receive an empty holiday themed bag at the beginning of the day that will soon overflow with goodies collected at each stop along the way. A generous lunch featuring an Amish haystack meal will be followed by a program about Amish church services and their holiday customs. During your visit you will decorate a plate of Christmas cookies or make an upcycled greeting card treasure box. This tour includes stops at the bakery, candy maker, basket maker, Amish general store, and woodworker shop.

NEW! Meet & Make Candy Class & take home--\$6 pp incl PLUS meal which varies by menu \$15-\$21 pp incl

This is the perfect addition to your Christmas Frolic in Amish Country. Everyone loves chocolates and candy making is a very Amish holiday tradition. Linda is an accomplished candy maker who enjoys teaching others her secrets to successful candy confections. Your group will learn how to make yummy turtles and buckeye candies then dip some themselves to take home to share with their family and friends. This experience includes one on one time with Linda who shares insights of her Amish life in a short Q&A time. This is a sweet time of sharing before or after your meal.