



AmishCountry

... along the Heritage Trail

**Amish Country ... along the Heritage Trail
2012 Suggested Daytrip Itinerary**

\$29pp, minimum of 30, options available

Tour country roads more traveled by buggies than cars. Visit shops filled with wares grandma might have used. Get a true look at the Amish; learn the history of these “plain” people and why they choose to give up modern day amenities. Savor a traditional Amish “Haystack” lunch. This tour is a trip to the past that’s loaded with modern-day fun.

10 a.m. Arrival in Amish Country, Goshen

10:00-11 a.m. Goshen College Mennonite Library - \$2 pp incl

As special guests to the Mennonite Historical Library, listen to a fascinating overview of Anabaptist and Mennonite history then gets a special viewing of rare items from the Library’s secure collection including one-of-a-kind books and documents dating back to the 1500’s.

11:30-12:30 p.m. Amish Haystack Lunch - \$16 pp incl tax but not tip

Enjoy a true Amish experience...an Amish haystack meal. It’s fun, and it’s tasty. Choose among a variety of food options adding one on top of the other to build your own customized “haystack” to eat. Since the Amish don’t purchase insurance, they often use haystack meals to raise funds for their Amish neighbors in need of financial assistance due to medical or other emergencies.



12:45-2:15 p.m. Menno-Hof Amish Mennonite Interpretive Center - \$5.50 pp incl

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

2:15 p.m. Meet your guide at Menno-Hof

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2:30-4:30 p.m. Amish Country Backroads Tour - \$165 per bus for guide, tip optional for guide

A friendly step-on guide tells all about the area as groups travel country roads to visit Amish operated shops and country stores such as a popcorn shop, old-fashioned general store, a rag rug shop and/or a furniture maker.

4:45 p.m. Say good-bye to your guide

5 p.m. Depart for home

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS:

Amish Acres House & Farm Tour, Documentary Films, Wagon Ride and Shopping - \$53.45 pp incl with dinner / matinee theatre

Tour the nation's only Amish farm listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Step inside an Amish farmhouse to learn about the heritage, culture and history of the "Plain People". Then 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 Amish Acres' quaint shops. Sit under the hand-hewn beams of the Restaurant Barn to enjoy a hearty family-style Threshers Dinner served for lunch followed by a 2 p.m. matinee musical performance in the stunning Round Barn Theatre.

Shingle Shoppes Backroads Tour - \$100 for 2 hours, \$130 for 3 hours, \$160 for 4 hours PLUS \$5 for working Amish farm and \$2 for Amish school

Groups delight in new experiences as step-on-guide, Esther Farmwald, takes them on excursions along backroads surrounding Nappanee. Stop at a working Amish farm, chat with the family and witness traditional Amish farm life first-hand. In fall, it's fun to watch the cider/sorghum press rumble into action. It's fun to shop alongside local Amish women at an Amish version of a super-market or discover things found only in Amish Country in a rural general store. And it's a step back in time visiting a one-room Amish schoolhouse.

Personalized Birdhouse, Shipshewana - \$12 pp

Visit B&L Woodcraft Amish furniture shop and custom make your own souvenir birdhouse. Members of the group will get boxes to put their names on, and then proceed through lines to select colors, decorations and make customized sayings. The Amish family will physically put the birdhouse together; place it back in the box, ready for you to load onto the coach. After selecting their birdhouse design, guests can explore the numerous furniture items and gifts found on the farm.

Brown Bag Backroads Tour of Amish Country - Brown bag is provided with goodies at each stop - \$165 total for guide PLUS \$12 pp for bag components (tip optional for guide)

Bag some fun for your group by adding a new twist to your Amish Country Tour. We'll give each tour group member a "Brown Bag". As groups visit select, unique, locally owned shops along the scenic Amish Country backroads, they will get a special treat to fill their "Brown Bags". Sit back, relax and observe the Amish lifestyle as you travel picturesque back roads of Northern Indiana. Step back in time and learn of the fascinating lifestyle of these "plain people". With a knowledgeable guide hear about the area and the history, traditions, and customs of the Amish. You'll stop at several Amish backroads shops as you fill your brown bag with goodies.

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