



Quilt Gardens

... along the Heritage Trail

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Quilt Gardens ... along the Heritage Trail 2012 Suggested Daytrip Itinerary

\$24 pp incl, no minimum, options available

110,000 plus blooms planted in 19 eye-popping quilt patterned gardens and 18 outdoor hand-painted quilt art murals viewable annually from May 30 to October 1. It's easy to see why the Quilt Gardens ... along the Heritage Trail is designated an ABA Top 100 event for a fourth year in a row. This glorious patchwork of color blanketing seven welcoming Amish Country communities delivers a one-of-a-kind experience that your clients will be talking about for years.

**2012
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EVENT**
AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION

2012 marks the **FOURTH** consecutive year the American Bus Association (ABA) chose the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail as one of it's Top 100 Events in North America.

10 a.m.

Arrival in Amish Country

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Elkhart County Visitors Center "Quilt Gardens Tour" video and Quilt display by Diana Bennett / Lina Zerkle - suggested \$2 donation to Breast Cancer research

Welcome to Amish Country. Begin with a stop at the Amish Country Visitors Center to view a brief overview/DVD about the one-of-a-kind Quilt Gardens Tour and get introduced to the area. Take time to view the array of stunning contemporary quilts on display throughout the Visitors Center that were created by award winning fiber artists Lina Zerkel and Diana Bennett. Help the cause by including a donation for each member of your group to Breast Cancer Research and the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer. For each donation, your guests are entered to win an exclusive Vera Bradley one-of-a-kind quilted wall hanging associated exclusively with the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail.

10:45 a.m.

Meet your guide inside the Visitors Center

11:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Quilt Gardens Tour Step-on Guide for the day - \$10 pp incl with gift for each person (tip for guide optional)

Join your local expert gardener on a guided tour of the official Quilt Gardens and Murals ... along the Heritage Trail. Get the inside scoop on each sites special story and hear what it takes to make the gardens glorious. As many sites as time and distance allows will be included and routed by the guide.

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NOTE: Prices subject to change without advance notice.

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12:30-1:30 p.m. Plate lunch at The Trolley Café, inside the Old Bag Factory - \$12 pp incl

Enjoy a delectable homemade catered lunch featuring the café's signature flaky-crust Quiche and moist orange muffins - all fresh-from-the-oven.

4:45 p.m. Return to the Visitors Center and say good-bye to your guide

5:00 p.m. Depart for home

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OPTIONALS:

Amish Quilting Bee & family-style meal at an Amish homestead - \$30 pp incl tax but not tip

Elaine Jones invites you to join her, her family and friends for an Amish quilting bee! Begin with a delicious home-cooked, 2 meat, traditional Amish meal. Then pull up a chair around 4 original quilt frames filled with hand pieced Amish quilts. The ladies demonstrate how to piece, mark and get the quilt ready to sew. Sit down beside them to participate, watch, learn or just chat as these Amish ladies lead the novice and experienced quilter in an old-fashioned quilting bee.

-- OR --

Include a hands-on or interactive quilting or garden themed activity or tour stop to add to the enjoyment of the day.

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