

AmishCountry

NORTHERN INDIANA

BRISTOL

ELKHART

GOSHEN

MIDDLEBURY

NAPPANEE

SHIPSHEWANA

WAKARUSA



EAT

Whether it's hefty platters of home-made favorites at our well-known family-style restaurants, house specialties at downtown eateries, in-home Amish meals, daily specials at local diners, or quick bites at popular chains, the food always comes with a smile. And be sure to save room for dessert!



TOUR

The Quilt Gardens TourSM joins quilting, gardening and art into a one-of-a-kind experience. Skilled step-on guides know all the area's secrets, places for hands-on fun, and captivating people to make a tour memorable. Shopping bags overflow on the Brown Bag or new Green Bag Tours.



SLEEP

We're ready to host groups in lovely, rural country inns or great hotels with the names you know and trust. Plus we offer one-call convenience for up to 6 hotel rates. Traveling on I-80/90? Elkhart Exit 92 is easy on – off and delivers over 1,000 rooms within blocks of the exit. Lots of restaurants right by the hotels too!

SHOP

Welcoming shops lining downtown streets beg exploration. Backroads lead to quaint stores filled with exquisite crafts. Major attractions offer alluring shopping choices. Bustling country markets and a huge outdoor flea market generate plenty of excitement. All in all – a shopper's paradise!



Visit AmishCountryTours.org for the most up-to-date festival and events information and special offers. You can also register for the 2011 FAMs, request hotel bidding service, and sign up for a newsletter.

VISIT

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2011 QUILT GARDENS TOURSM



2011 QUILT GARDENS TOURSM - 3 DAY / 2 NIGHT "HUB & SPOKE" TOURS

Amish Country blends timeless traditions with modern-day fun for an experience that's just right for your group. Every special package ensures your group will enjoy 6 meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners), and the Quilt Gardens Tour with experienced step-on guide.

Staybridge Suites Glorious Gardens & Quilts

3 Day / 2 Night price ... \$222.70* per person

The heady scent of lavender fills the air, birds sing and curious llamas peer over the fence as you approach a picturesque herb farm to enjoy a Garden Tea Party. That's only the beginning to 3 exciting days filled with eye-popping gardens and garden centers, behind-the-scenes programs and lively evening entertainment. Everyone welcomes time to relax and enjoy all the comforts of home at the Staybridge Suites in Elkhart then wake up rested and ready for a new day wanting more!

- **New!** "Lovely Lavender" Garden Tea Party & Herb Farm Tour
- **New!** Calendar Garden self-guided walking tour
- **New!** Hands-on rare vintage quilts & quilt historian program
- Civil War era home & farm tour and quilt storyteller
- A Broadway musical production in a Round Barn
- Explore the Shipshewana Flea Market
- **New!** Plants/gardening program and garden center shopping

All New Shipshewana

3 Day / 2 Night price ... \$207* per person

How many times has your group been invited to sit down and join a traditional Amish Quilting Bee in an Amish homestead? That's just one of many hands-on experiences that fill 3 days of learning and enjoying in Amish Country. There'll be plenty of time to explore and shop for one-of-a-kind treasures too. At the end of the day the Farmstead Inn in downtown Shipshewana is the perfect place to soak in the hot tub, play games or relax and chat about how much fun everyone is having.

- **New!** Make your own pretzels at Jo Jo's Pretzels in Shipshewana
- **New!** Amish Quilting Bee & family-style meal in Amish home
- Explore the Shipshewana Flea Market
- Shop downtown Shipshewana
- Tour Menno-Hof Amish/Mennonite Interpretive Center
- **New!** Shop the Old Bag Factory plus the "Art of Quilting" seminar at Quilt Designs
- Guided historic farm tour, wagon ride, and films at Amish Acres

Hampton Inn Heydays & Gardens

3 Day / 2 Night price ... \$201.42* per person

A lot has changed in RV travel since Hollywood screen siren Mae West traveled to movie sets in her custom-built house car. You can see it at Elkhart's RV Museum along with scores of other fun and quirky vehicles. That's only part of a 3 day package that keeps groups entertained with opulent mansions, river cruises, gardens and so much more. Spacious accommodations at the Hampton Inn in Elkhart give everyone plenty of room to kick-back, relax, play cards, and chat about their day.

- **New!** Tour a shrine to the RV, the RV Hall of Fame Museum
- **New!** Tour Ruthmere, an elaborate 1910 mansion
- A Broadway musical production in a Round Barn
- Browse a huge garden center with 9 acres of themed gardens
- **New!** Cruise the St. Joseph River on the River Queen
- **New!** Get the inside scoop on Norman Rockwell's life and art
- Shop a 51,000 sq. ft. Amish built marketplace

Amish Acres Heritage Resort

3 Day / 2 Night price ... \$209.25* per person

Buggies pulled by sleek horses roll by. Pristine farmsteads dot the countryside. Amish children wave as you pass. All the while Kathy Miller is telling about the Amish people who live along the country roads you're traveling. Kathy's tour is just a part of a 3 day package where the smiles keep coming with wine tasting, buggy rides, musical theatre and more. At the Inn at Amish Acres the welcome is immediate. Rocking chairs line the porch and the staff is ready to please. Amish Acres is a special place with delicious food, fun tours, musical theatre, friendly staff and beautiful surroundings.

- **New!** Wine Tasting with 20 varieties of wine in the Barn Loft
- Guided historic farm tour, wagon ride and documentary films
- Explore the Shipshewana Flea Market
- **New!** Guided Countryside Tour along Amish backroads
- **New!** Horse drawn buggy rides at Amish Acres
- Visit American Countryside Farmers Market

** Inclusive group package price is valid through September, 2010, and based on double occupancy and availability. Prices subject to change without advance notice. Other restrictions may apply.*

... ABA Top 100 Event 2009 & 2010



GROUP EXCLUSIVE ADD-ONS AND FEATURED EVENTS

Senegal Fabrics in Indiana Patchwork:

The Quilts of Irene Bornman

May 8 - July 15; August 15-31, 2011 / Goshen College, Goshen
Quilts made by Irene Bornman of Goshen for her 12 grandchildren, using scraps of fabric from markets in Senegal, where Irene has worked with mission and service projects.

3rd Annual Shipshewana Quilt Festival

June 22 - 25, 2011; June 20 - 23, 2010 / Shipshewana
A Quilter's dream packed with 4 days of noted quilt speakers, shop hops, quilt shows, vendor displays and more.

Das Dutchman Essenhaus Quilt Show

August 11 - 13, 2011 / Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury
See nearly 100 beautiful quilts on display along with quilting demonstrations, quilt supplies and vendors.

Meadow Brook Farm Tour Storyteller, Goshen

Listen to colorful stories about family quilts and the folks who made them.

White-Gloves, Behind the Scenes Quilts, Bristol

Learn about rare quilts that won't be seen again for years.

Quilt Magic at The Quilt Shop, Middlebury

Create a quilt block without a needle in sight and take home a great souvenir!

On-The-Road: Amish Quilt Heritage "Trunk Show"

Renowned collector / historian shows her vintage Amish quilts and tells their stories.

The Art of Quilting at Quilt Designs, Goshen

See exquisite trademarked patterned quilts and hear the artist explain her artistic process and technique.

Flirting with Butterflies, Wakarusa

Relax and enjoy an old-fashioned picnic lunch complete with all the "fixins" at a Butterfly Garden.

Blooming Acres, Fields of Love, Bristol

Hear the secrets of growing prize-winning dahlias and see fields of magnificent dahlias, some as tall as 5 feet.

A Garden that Cycles the Seasons, Goshen

Bricks mark the days of the month, plants show the seasons, and gazebos symbolize the solstice and equinox in a beautiful Calendar Garden.

Country Nursery Showcases Small Wonders, Nappanee

Learn all about tiny alpines and other remarkable species that make ordinary plants seem huge in comparison.

Oscar Morse's Glorious Peonies, Middlebury

The sweet fragrance surrounds you as you learn fascinating tips and secrets to growing these beautiful flowers.

Prairie Trial Farm: Herbs Galore, Goshen

Stroll through the greenhouse filled with 200 varieties of fragrant herbs and learn their uses. An afternoon tea adds the perfect touch.

ARTS & CULTURE



Old Bag Factory, Goshen
Shop in upscale, handcrafted artisan shops including a pottery shop, furniture maker, quilt designer, unique candle shop, and cut glass maker.

Sunrise Orchard, Goshen
Take a hayride, munch on a free apple, and taste fresh pressed cider at the largest apple orchard in the state of Indiana.

Linton's Enchanted Gardens, Elkhart
Explore the themed gardens: Japanese Tea House, Victorian House, Southwestern garden with Mine Shaft, Dutch Garden & Grist Mill.

The Lerner Theater, Elkhart
A new dawn is coming for the arts in downtown Elkhart as the elegant Lerner Theater is restored to its original 1920s opulence while at the same time being outfitted with state-of-the-art, 21st century acoustical improvements. Opening Spring 2011.

Menno-Hof Amish/Mennonite Interpretive Center, Shipshewana
Learn the religious beginnings and background of the Amish, Mennonite and Hutterite people as they were persecuted in Europe before arriving in America.

Goshen College Mennonite Library & Music Center, Goshen
Take a campus tour and see the 1564 dated Ausbund, an Amish hymn book; enjoy a short performance by music students in the state-of-the-art Music Center.

RV/MH Hall of Fame, Elkhart
Something out of the ordinary with numerous RV models dating as early as 1920's.

Elkhart County Historical Museum, Bristol
Considered to be one of the Top 10 local history museums in the state, the Elkhart County Historical Society owns over 20,000 artifacts found in thirteen display areas arranged by both theme and period.

Indiana's Largest Norman Rockwell Collection, Elkhart
Explore both the myth and reality of this American icon at the Midwest Museum of American Art.

Ruthmere, Elkhart
Tour the elaborate 1910 beaux-arts style house museum where you'll see Tiffany leaded glass, Rodin sculptures, velvet window coverings, and walnut woodwork.

River Queen Paddlewheel Boat, Elkhart
Relax on a 65-foot riverboat operating on the St. Joseph River and hear a bit of history of the area and the influence the river. Some of the most beautiful homes in Elkhart are located at the river's edge.

Bonneyville Mill, Bristol
Watch as flour is stone ground inside Indiana's oldest operating gristmill.

TOP GROUP EVENTS

2011 OFFICIAL TOUR OPERATOR FAM, Destination-wide
Dates TBD

Amish Acres Arts & Crafts Festival, Nappanee
August 4 - 7, 2011 & August 2 - 5, 2012

- ABA Top 100 Event - 2003, 2005 and 2008!
- 350 juried artists and crafters
- 3 entertainment stages included in admission
- Festival food booths with pre-paid lunch vouchers available
- Discounted group admission (\$5 each)
- Each person receives a coupon sheet valued at over \$25

Das Dutchman Essenhaus Quilt Show, Middlebury
August 11 - 13, 2011 & August 9 - 11, 2012

- Almost 100 quilts on display with local stories
- Quilt exhibitors and vendors
- Quilting demonstrations
- Make a stitch at the Quilting Bee
- \$3 group admission
- FREE up close bus parking and pick-up



Annual Quilt Gardens Tour™, Destination-wide
May 30 - October 1, 2011 & May 28 - October 1, 2012

- ABA Top 100 Event 2009 & 2010
- 17 gigantic gardens using 90,000 annuals
- 17 artist-painted outdoor quilt art murals
- Step-on guide for the day (\$8pp incl. gift)
- One-of-its-kind event
- Quilting & gardening themed group programming

Quilt Gardens
...along the Heritage Trail

MILEAGE TO ELKHART COUNTY

Indianapolis	165m/266km
Detroit	165m/266km
Chicago	140m/225km
Milwaukee	200m/322km
Cleveland	230m/370km
St. Louis	390m/628km
Pittsburgh	359m/578km
Toronto	440m/708km

GROUP FRIENDLY LODGING

Elkhart
Best Western Inn & Suites - 574.262.8761
Comfort Suites - 574.206.1555
Country Inn & Suites - 574.206.8488
Hampton Inn - 574.264.2525
Holiday Inn Express - 574.262.0014
Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 574.296.1110
Jameson Inn - 574.264.7222
Staybridge Suites - 574-970-8488

Goshen
Courtyard by Marriott - 574.534.3133
Holiday Inn Express - 574.535.9200

Middlebury
Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center - 800.455.9471

Nappanee
Inn at Amish Acres & Nappanee Inn - 800.800.4942

