

# AmishCountry.org

NORTHERN INDIANA



## Quilts Gardens Tour<sup>sm</sup> of Amish Country Suggested Itinerary 3 days/2 night Tour American Countryside Farmers Market Package

### **Day One**

**Late morning arrival in Amish Country**

**Visit the Shpshewana Flea Market & Auction with lunch on their own**

**12:30 p.m. Depart Shpshewana for Middlebury**

**1-2:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Farm and Quilt Story Teller**

Tour one of the first farm homes in Elkhart County including the original home, barn, granary and smokehouse. Learn colorful history direct from the owners of their personal heritage while touring this immaculate property. Enjoy the “agri-quilt”, participate in quilting yourself on the community donation quilt, and enjoy numerous themed décor rooms, sites and scenery. Complete your visit with the enchanting Quilt Storyteller who brings quilt heritage to life by weaving her tales. See the Agri-Quilt Garden when you are on this site.

**2:45 p.m. Check-in at your host hotel in Goshen**

**4:30 p.m. Depart Goshen for Middlebury**

**5 p.m. Visit the Quilt Garden at Essenhaus—brief stop & photo op, escort notes provided**

**6-8 p.m. Family-style Dinner & shopping at Das Dutchman Essenhaus**

Dine tonight in Indiana’s largest restaurant on family-favorite recipes and tasty treats handed down thru the generations. Try one of the 29 kinds of fresh-baked pies! Yummy!! Shopping coupons provided.

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## **Day Two**

**7-8:30 a.m. Full Hot Breakfast Buffet at the Courtyard by Marriott, Goshen**

**8:45-10:15 a.m. Goshen College Quilt Exhibit “Grandmother's Flower Garden: Mennonite and Amish Quilts with Botanical Patterns”, Campus Tour and Student musical performance sampling**

Begin by meeting your Goshen College tour guides at the “Crazy Patch” quilt mural on this college campus. Walk to the library for the annual quilt exhibit, this year entitled “Grandmother’s Flower Garden” featuring quilts from northern Indiana using traditional and contemporary floral designs. The exhibit is a tribute to the Grandmother's Flower Garden pattern, which is one of the four most frequently found patterns in American quilts. Rebecca Haarer of Shipshewana will curate this exhibit of antique and new quilts. Continue your walking tour over to the Goshen College Music Center and learn about the amazing acoustics and features of this state-of-the art facility. Students perform a sampling of music for your group.

**10:30-1:30 p.m. Pottery Demonstration at Dick Lehman Pottery inside The Old Bag Factory PLUS The Art of Quilting at Quilt Design located at the Old Bag Factory PLUS catered buffet lunch by The Trolley Cafe**

Welcome to The Old Bag Factory: A three-story, 1890's vintage, post-and-beam-constructed building. Originally the home of the Cosmo Buttermilk Soap Company (who exported most of their production to Europe) ....and next the home of the Chicago-Detroit Bag Factory ... and until 1982, the home of the Chase Bag Factory, this classy structure is now known as The Old Bag Factory. Currently, the home to a covey of producing artists and craftsmen, as well as a collection of high-quality, entrepreneurial businesses, The Old Bag Factory has become a destination point in Northern Indiana for persons seeking high-quality hand- made arts and crafts.

Begin by splitting into two groups, if size warrants, and enjoy two personalized tours/demonstrations. One group begins at Quilt Designs: Located in an 1837 log cabin at The Old Bag Factory, this quilt shop features original and unique contemporary designs that provide for breathtaking quilts. You won't believe the artistry, stitches and techniques used to create these masterpieces all hand quilted by some of the finest quilters in the country. You'll meet owners, Dave & Shirley Shenk, who will explain their philosophy, technique, and showcase their unique, one-of-a-kind trademarked patterns that showcase quilting as an art form. The other half begins at Dick Lehman Pottery: Visit the working studio of Dick Lehman, potter, whose passion for working with clay has infected his life since 1974. While constantly working to develop new techniques the outcome of which has lead to years of exploration and development resulting in the saggar-fired, side-fired and wood-fired approaches that constitute his works. Not having abandoned his commitment to utility, Dick’s works explore ways of working which are more risky, less predictable, and perhaps more inventive than my regular clay works. Following your discussion with the Shenks and Dick Lehman, a catered buffet lunch is served on the third floor (accessed by elevator) offering Swiss Chicken Breast, Salisbury Steak, Mashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad, homemade rolls, pies, ice tea, lemonade and coffee. Then allow some time to shop in the artisan complex. (Demonstrations 10:30-11:30, Lunch 11:45-12:45, Shopping 12:45-1:30 p.m.)

**2-3:30 p.m. Linton’s Enchanted Gardens—no admission. Visit the Quilt Garden at Lintons at your leisure**

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Explore the many themed gardens of this new, large garden center including the Japanese Tea House, Southwestern garden with Mine Shaft, Victorian House, Dutch Gardens and Grist Mill. Choose from one of the following free seminars: “Presenting the Linton’s Quilt Garden”, “Pruning 101”, “Unusual Flowering Objects”, “Attracting Birds and Butterflies to your Garden” and “Growing & Arranging Tropical Flowers in your Home”.

**4 p.m. Freshen up at your host hotel**

**6 p.m. Depart Goshen for Nappanee**

**6:30-10:30 p.m. Amish Acres Threshers Dinner & Round Barn Theatre**

Enjoy an evening at Amish Acres’ hand-hewn Restaurant Barn. Top off the evening with a theater experience in the Round Barn offering a repertoire of Broadway style musical productions throughout the year.

### **Day Three**

**7-8:30 a.m. Full Hot Breakfast Buffet at the Courtyard by Marriott, Goshen**

**8:30-3:30 p.m. Quilt Gardens Tour Step-on Guide**

Join your local expert gardener on a guided tour of the 16 unique official quilt gardens and 16 official murals...or as many sites as time and distance allows.

**American Countryside Farmers Market Cooking Show with lunch on their own**

The spectacular American Countryside Farmers Market provides a unique group experience and the excitement of demonstrations, entertainment, and cooking shows. The 51,000 sq. ft, climate-controlled marketplace is sure to be a hit with your group. Thursdays through Saturdays year-round, your group can browse row upon row of fresh wholesome foods and Amish crafted products, take in the action of special programs, or sit down to enjoy a variety of tasty options from Amish cooking to Scandinavian cuisine. Visit the Quilt Garden at the Farmers Market at your leisure.

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