

AmishCountry.org

NORTHERN INDIANA



Quilts Gardens Toursm of Amish Country 2010 Suggested Itinerary 3 days/2 night Tour Das Dutchman Essenhaus Package

Day One

Mid-afternoon arrival in Northern Indiana, Middlebury

2-3 p.m. Visit downtown Middlebury and explore the Cinnamon Stick, Gohn Brother's, Varns & Hoover and Old Hoosier Meats for some old-fashioned hometown shopping.

3:15 p.m. Check-in at The Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center
Visit the Quilt Garden & Mural at Essenhaus during your stay

3:15-5:30 p.m. Horse Drawn Carriage Ride, Miniature Golf, and Shopping at Das Dutchman Essenhaus

Enjoy a peaceful afternoon on the beautiful Essenhaus grounds! Take a dip in the indoor swimming pool, relax on horse drawn carriage ride around the immaculate grounds, play a round of miniature golf, or go shopping in one of several Village Shops (coupons provided) all on the same facility grounds.

5:30-6:30 p.m. One meat chicken Family-style Dinner 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!!

7-9 p.m. "Quilt Magic" at the "Quilt Shop"

Roz at The Quilt shop makes "quilt magic" come to life for all ages. Select and complete your own 6" x 6" quilt block right before your eyes. It's a quick, easy, and fun way to create your own take-home souvenir from Amish Country without a needle in sight. Ask about special themed blocks that reflect your groups' interests. Traditional quilt patterns or whimsical seasonal selections abound; bunny, flag, pumpkin, snowman and more. Class takes place at The Quilt Shop on the Essenhaus grounds. Take time before your class to explore the Essenhaus Village shops. (Class begins at 8 p.m.)

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Day Two

7-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at The Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center

8:45-9:15 a.m. Quilt Garden basics with Gail Janssen at Das Dutchman Essenhaus

Gail will walk you through basic quilt patterns, talk about color placement, make flower suggestions and provide you with handouts to take home. Use your new knowledge to create your own gardening masterpiece!

9:30 a.m. Depart Middlebury for Bristol

**10-10:15 a.m. Visit the Quilt Mural in Bristol at the Elkhart County Historical Museum
Trapunto & Appliqué Quilt Mural**

**10:15-12:15 p.m. Elkhart County Historical Museum and behind the scenes quilt program
with lunch included**

Considered to be one of the top ten local history museums in the state of Indiana, the Elkhart County Historical Society owns over 20,000 artifacts found at the Elkhart County Historical Museum which can be seen in the thirteen display areas arranged by both theme and period. Housed in the historic Rush Memorial Center in Bristol and placed on the National Register in 1991, the building originally served as the county's first consolidated school. The historical society is the official repository for government records which are stored in the museum's archives. The museum also contains a working genealogy library. (Behind the Scenes event and museum visit concurrent, Lunch from 11:30-12:15).

12:15 p.m. Depart Bristol for Shipshewana

12:45-1:30 p.m. Shop at Yoder's Department Store

Since the old days when Ora Yoder started his dry goods business in the 1940's, the Department Store, Hardware Store and Grocery have expanded to 50,000 square feet. Over 12,000 bolts of fabric, 2,800 pairs of jeans, overalls in all sizes and 10,000 pairs of shoes and boots can all be found here. Yoder's features a large selection of men's, women's and children's wear, hardware and tools, house wares, linens, home accessories and gifts, hard to find items of all kinds, and groceries including locally produced sausages, noodles, preserves and even flour. Yoder's is known for being the center of trade for the local community as well as a resource for group tours. Old-fashioned. Simple as that.

OR

12:45-3:30 p.m. Visit the Shipshewana Flea Market & Auction

Shop almost 1000 booths filled with knick knacks, gadgets, "must-have's", antiques, produce and plants all at "The Trading Place of America".

1:30-3:30 p.m. Lolly's Fabrics, Davis Mercantile and downtown Shipshewana shopping

Explore 2,500 bolts of quilt fabrics and notions at Lolly's Fabrics located inside the multi-level shopping complex of the Davis Mercantile. Or explore the numerous quilt shops found in the stores next door all located in downtown Shipshewana.

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3:30 p.m. Depart Shipshewana for Middlebury

4 p.m. Return to your host hotel for the evening

5:30 p.m. Depart Middlebury 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. Continental Breakfast at your host hotel
Check-out
Meet your guide in the lobby**

9-3 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.

Visit the Quilt Garden in Wakarusa & Shopping at the Wakarusa Dime Store for old-fashioned candy treats PLUS Jeanette's Fabric Store. Explore additional downtown shops as time allows—SEE THE GIANT JUMBO JELLY BEAN QUILT (**45 minutes**)

American Countryside Farmers Market—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.

3 p.m. Depart for home

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