

AmishCountry.org

NORTHERN INDIANA



Quilts Gardens Toursm of Amish Country Suggested Itinerary 3 days/2 night Tour Shipshewana Flea Market Package

Day One

Arrival in Amish Country, Shipshewana

2-4 p.m. Downtown Shipshewana shopping

Explore almost 100 stores filled with crafts, baked goods, fabrics, home décor and furniture.

4 p.m. Check-in at The Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana

5 p.m. Depart Shipshewana for Middlebury

5:15-6:15 p.m. 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!!

6:15-8 p.m. Quilting for Dummies & Shopping at the Essenhaus Village Shops

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 7 p.m.)

Day Two

Continental Breakfast at The Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana

9-10 a.m. Menno-Hof Amish/Mennonite Interpretive Center, Shipshewana

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Learn the religious beginnings and background of the Amish, Mennonite and Huterite people as they were persecuted in Europe before arriving in America. Several interactive exhibits and displays depict the "real life" experiences.

10 a.m. Depart Shipshewana for Elkhart

10:45-1 p.m. Lunch included & shopping at American Countryside Farmers Market

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. A lunch voucher is included for all. [Visit the Quilt Garden at the Farmers Market at your leisure.](#)

1-5 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.

6-8 p.m. Buffet dinner at The Farmstead Inn & The History of Shipshewana/Trading Place by the owner---

Choose from one of the following fun filled buffets for a delicious meal. Then following dinner, learn from Kevin Lambright, founding family member the town history of Shipshewana and the secrets of the Flea Market/Trading Place.

Baked Potato Bar

Chili, Sour Cream, Chives, Butter, Bacon Bits, Shredded Cheese
Tossed Salad
Brownie or Cookie
Beverage

Amish Haystack

A unique creation among the Amish. This is delicious!
Stack it up with: *Chip & Cracker Crumbs, Seasoned Ground Beef, Rice, Diced Tomatoes, Lettuce, Onion, Green Peppers, Melted Cheese, Ranch Dressing, Sunflower Seeds*
Brownie or Cookie & Beverage

Lasagna Dinner

Lasagna
House Salad
Garlic Bread
Brownie or Cookie
Beverage

Hot Taco Bar

Taco Seasoned Ground Beef, Soft & Hard Taco Shells, Nacho Chips, Melted & Shredded Cheese, Diced Tomatoes, Onions, Shredded Lettuce, Salsa, Sour Cream, Ranch & French Dressing
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Day Three (Tuesday or Wednesday)

7:30-8 a.m. Continental Breakfast at The Farmstead Inn, Shippshewana

8-11 a.m. Shippshewana Flea Market & Auction and The Antique Gallery Shopping

Known as “the trading place of America”. Shippshewana is home to the Midwest’s largest outdoor flea market – over 900 booths covering 60 acres – open every Tuesday and Wednesday, May thru October. The weekly Wednesday antique auction barn has up to 10 rings going at once selling quality antiques and collectibles. The horse and cattle barn features cattle auctions open to the public on Wednesday's and horse auctions open to the public on Friday's. A shoppers paradise!

11 a.m. Depart Shippshewana for Nappanee

11:45-3 p.m. Amish Acres family-style Threshers Dinner in the Restaurant Barn followed by the guided house & farm tour, wagon ride and films.

OPTION:

Amish Quilting Bee & family-style meal at an Amish homestead

Elaine Jones invites you to join her and her family and friends in an Amish quilting bee. The ladies will first serve you 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. They’ll demonstrate how to piece, mark and get the quilt ready to sew. Then you’ll sit beside them and participate, watch, learn or just chat as these Amish ladies lead the novice and experienced quilter in an old fashioned quilting bee.

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