

TRI-STATE TRAVEL



THE AMISH EXPERIENCE IN NORTHERN INDIANA Partnering with Plus 60 Club JULY 30-AUGUST 2, 2019

*Get a true look at the Amish lifestyle,
learn about their history, and savor
hearty Amish style fare.*

Boarding in Davenport & Dubuque, Iowa and Moline & Galena, Illinois

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Your Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, 3 Nights' Accommodations, Full Time Tour Director, Attractions Per The Itinerary, 7 Meals, Luggage Handling For One Suitcase Not To Exceed 50 Lbs, Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, Meals, and Step on Guide

Not Included: Travel Protection Plan, Gratuities to Tri-State Travel Motorcoach Driver and Tour Director or Items of a Personal Nature

Your Tour Price:

- \$ 709.00 per person – 4 to a room
- \$ 739.00 per person – 3 to a room
- \$ 799.00 per person – 2 to a room
- \$1029.00 per person – single

DAY #1 Tuesday, July 30, 2019

This morning we make our way to the Amish Country of Northern Indiana, arriving mid-afternoon. We are greeted by camels. An Amish family shares fun facts about these animals. Have you heard of camel's milk? Here they milk the camels by hand and some of it is sold. They use the rest to manufacture lotions and soaps. Our next visit is to the Menn-Hof Amish Mennonite Interpretive Center. Learn the religious history and background of the Amish, Mennonite and Huterite people from their beginnings in Europe through their arrival in North America. Time to depart Shipshewana for Middlebury and check into our hotel, Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center for the next three nights. Tonight enjoy a buffet dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus. Here you will dine on traditional family recipes passed down through generations. Our evening entertainment is in Heritage Hall (show to be announced at a later date). (D)

Day #2 Wednesday, July 31, 2019

After an included breakfast at the hotel, we meet our local guide in the lobby. It's time we begin our Grab Bag Backroads Tour and Quilt Gardens Tour. Travel scenic backroads passing horse-drawn buggies, tidy farm homes and white-washed barns. Learn about the fascinating lifestyle of the Amish as your knowledgeable guide tells all about the area and the history, traditions and customs of the Amish. You'll stop at a variety of welcoming country stores and quaint shops as you load up your brown bag with goodies. As our day continues, we get to know local Amish entrepreneurs and see first-hand how they operate their unique enterprises. Hear the stories of friendly, hardworking people who use their special talents to create products and build businesses that serve the local community and beyond. These stops are fun, authentic, and appealing to every age and gender.... sure to be a hit.

Leo & Lorene Miller welcome you to their Old Order Amish home where Leo has been hand weaving rag rugs for years. Lorene, his wife, will serve you her fresh from the oven cookies and cold lemonade as both the Miller's welcome you and answer questions about their personal Amish lifestyle.

Meet LaVern and Rachel, the Amish-Mennonite dynamic duo that has made Teaberry Wood Products one of this areas most requested stops. Here you will enjoy one-on-one time with this artisan team as they create a quilt block pieced entirely exotic and local hardwoods. All of us will leave with a work of art worthy of gifting or kept as a treasured memory of your visit.

A Haystack dinner on an Amish family farm with Amish buggy rides is our evening activity. The Amish often host fund-raisers to help families pay for unexpected hospital bills or other needs. The Haystack Meal originated for this type of event because families could donate vegetables grown in their gardens and beef raised on their farms without having to purchase many ingredients. The goal is to create a haystack shape by layering the ingredients into a hearty blend of flavors and textures. It may not sound like it goes together, but trust us, it's delicious. Following your meal, you will have an opportunity to ride in the Yoder's personal buggies down the country gravel lanes for an enjoyable summer evening. (B,L,D)

Day #3 Thursday, August 1, 2019

Breakfast is included at the Essenhous Inn & Conference Center. Welcome to the "RV Capital of the World"! Over 80% of the world's inventory of Travel Trailers, 5th Wheels, Class C & A Motorhomes, Truck Campers and Fold-Downs are all manufactured in this area. Here we have a chance to tour one of the numerous RV manufacturing facilities. We then make our way to Nappanee for the annual Amish Acres Arts and Crafts Festival. Featuring nearly 300 juried artists and crafters from 150 cities and 27 states, this festival is held on the historic farm at Amish Acres. Lunch is on your own. Next, we have scheduled the Amish Acres guided historic house and farm tour, documentary films, and farm wagon ride tour on the nation's only Old Order Amish farmstead listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A documentary film about the Amish completes the experience. Spend time shopping and browsing their shops, fudgery and bakery. This afternoon, we have reservations for a toe-tapping Broadway musical "TBD" in the majestic restored 1911 Round Barn Theatre. Following the theatre production, sit down and enjoy the Amish Acres famous family style Threshers Dinner in the century old barn restaurant. Large bowls and platters filled to the brim with farm fresh food is served family-

style to the table around antique tables and chairs. We return to our hotel and enjoy a free evening on the Essenhous campus. You may wish to view the classic car cruise which is held every Thursday evening. (B,D)

Friday, August 2, 2019

One last breakfast at our hotel before departing for Elkhart. Our last Amish attraction is Linton's Enchanted Gardens. Take time to explore this huge garden center with its many themed gardens, including the Japanese Tea House, Dutch Gardens, and Grist Mill. Don't forget to visit the 25,000 square foot gift emporium. Our Amish tour comes to an end with our arrival home early evening. (B)