



HAPPY TIMES TOURS & EXPERIENCES

GARDENS & GIFTS IN INDIANA'S AMISH COUNTRY (SHIPSHEWANA, IN)

Trip Includes:

- Guided Tour of Wellfield Botanic Garden & Quilt Garden
- Visit Fruit Hills Winery – sample 18 wines with owner David Muir sharing the history, tones and notes of each wine
- Amish Neighbors Party – Amish Potluck Dinner and Play “Jones” (aka Bingo)
- Locally Guided Amish Country Backroads Tour including 4 Amish items for you to take home
- Garden Party Luncheon at historic Krider “World’s Fair” Garden
- Das Dutchman Essenhaus Buffet and Performance of “A Red Plaid Shirt”
- Free time at the Shippshewana Flea Market & Action
- Visit Ben’s Pretzels – learn the company history, make your own pretzel and enjoy a delicious pretzel pocket lunch
- Shopping at an Amish Bulk Store
- Accommodations for 2 Nights at the Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center
- Motorcoach Transportation
- The Services of a Happy Times Tour Director
- 8 Meals

Departure Times & Locations:

- 6:00am Depart JCPenney East Towne Mall (estimated return at 7:15pm)
- 6:30am Depart Johnson Creek P&R (estimated return at 6:45pm)
- 7:15am Depart Watertown Plank P&R (estimated return at 6:00pm)
- 7:45am College Ave SW P&R (estimated return at 5:30pm)
- 8:45am Depart Cracker Barrel, Gurnee, IL (estimated return at 4:30pm)

PER PERSON RATES:

- Double Occupancy \$655
- Single Occupancy \$779
- Triple Occupancy \$640

Full Payment Due: 4/12/2021

NOTE: A \$100 per person deposit is required to secure your seat. Gratuities for the tour director and driver are not included in the price and are at the passengers’ discretion. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to COVID restrictions that may be enforced without notice.



Credit: Visit Elkhart County

This trip is a “natural” hit as we visit some of the most eye-popping, charming and unusual gardens in the Midwest and go home with some Amish Gifts!

3 Days: May 17 - 19, 2021

Day 1 B, L, D

Enjoy a boxed breakfast as we make our way to Elkhart, Indiana for our first stop at the **Wellfield Botanic Garden & Quilt Garden**. The garden is situated on 36 acres including 18 acres of water and is the City’s largest source of drinking water. Then we will stop at **Fruit Hills Winery** local in the scenic fruit hills of Bristol, Indiana. We will **sample 18 different wines** in the new open-air pavilion while hearing direct from **David Muir, the owner, share the history, tones and notes of each wine**. There will also be a light snack. We’ll check into our hotel for the next 2 nights, the Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center. Tonight, you are in for a special treat as we enjoy an **Amish Neighbors Party**. This is based on the idea of an Amish Neighbors Night many Amish church districts have, which is a time to gather over food and games. This night includes an **Amish potluck inspired meal** including fresh baked bread, peanut butter spread, homemade apple butter, salad, roast beef, coffee, and ice cream with Elaine’s secret caramel sauce. After dinner we will play a **rousing game of “Jones” (aka Bingo)**. **Everyone is a winner so listen carefully to the instructions.**

Day 2 B, L, D

A local guide joins us today for an **Amish Country Backroads Tour** where you will end up for **4 items from Amish Stores**. We’ll travel the scenic backroads passing horse-drawn buggies, tidy farmsteads, and white-washed barns. Learn about the fascinating lifestyle of the Amish. Next, enjoy a **Garden Party Luncheon** under the covered pavilion at historic **Krider “World’s Fair” Garden**. Take in the colorful view of the Quilt Gardens. The gardens were originally designed by Krider Nurseries for display at the 1933/34 Chicago World’s Fair. Tonight we will enjoy the **Das Dutchman Essenhaus Buffet Dinner and a performance of “A Red Plaid Shirt.”** Two friends fill the void left by retirement in different ways. Marty decides he wants to explore the open road on a Harley while Fred decides to pay more attention to his health, inventing many new ailments along the way. With a little “subtle redirection” from their wives and a creative solution to a very unusual problem (which may or may not include a homemade coffin) they find the right track...eventually.

Day 3 B, L

We’ll check out of our hotel and head to the **Shippshewana Flea Market & Auction** in downtown Shippshewana. This is a do-not-miss Hoosier tradition with nearly 700 spaces in an open-air market on 40 acres. There is truly something for everyone – fresh seasonal produce and plants, crafts, home décor, dollar items, clothes, garden suppliers, antiques, jewelry, snacks, games, books, vintage items, baked goods and so much more. One last special experience before we depart to return home is at **Ben’s Pretzels** where you will enjoy a short presentation on the story of this business and an opportunity to **roll your own pretzel and watch it being baked** before your eyes. We have also included lunch consisting of pretzel pockets and salad! You will also have time to go to the **Amish Bulk Store** nearby before we start our journey home.

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