

Amish Country Quilts & Gardens

6 Days: June 24-29, 2010



NORTHLAND TRAVEL

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The welcome mat is always out in Amish Country...intriguing attractions, picturesque countryside, one-of-a-kind shops, hot-from-the-oven baked goods, quilt gardens (imagine huge living quilts packed with 80,000 plus glorious blooms!) and more. Come experience Northern Indiana's Amish Country with us!



June 24 we pick up in our guaranteed departure cities. Relax as we travel east to **Middlebury, IN**. We'll check in for the next 2 nights at a nice country inn, nestled in the beautiful Crystal Valley where the Elkhart River flows gently past Amish farms and friendly towns. Enjoy a **family-style dinner**. Sometime this evening you may want to check out the **Classic Car Cruise-in**, which is held each Thursday evening in the summer. Compare brands, models, engines and memories as you explore classics on your own. During our stay you may want to take an optional horse-drawn carriage ride around the immaculate grounds, play a round of miniature golf, go shopping in one of the several Village shops (shops are open until 8 PM each evening) or just enjoy the beautiful grounds. Another optional activity is "Quilting for Dummies," where you can select and complete your own 6 inch by 6 inch quilt block right before your eyes.

June 25 after **breakfast** we'll meet our guide for a **Brown Bag Back Roads & Quilt Gardens tour**. This afternoon, explore downtown **Shipshewana** with over 100 shops within walking distance. If you're not a shopper, check out Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum. What started with a single vehicle more than 25 years ago has grown to include the largest collection of Hudson automobiles and trucks in the world. Tonight we have **dinner** in an **Amish family home**. Meet the Yoder family as they serve you their family favorites, passed down from generation to generation. We'll also have a 15-minute **Amish buggy ride** down the country back roads with our Amish host as driver. What a unique and fun way to experience some of the Amish culture.



June 26 enjoy **breakfast** before meeting our guide for more countryside touring. Later, we visit **American Countryside Farmers Market & Cooking Show**.

This spectacular Farmers Market provides a unique group experience and the excitement of demonstrations, entertainment, and cooking shows. Before checking in at our hotel, we'll visit the **Quilt Garden** in Wakarusa and have some time to shop at the **Wakarusa Dime Store** for old-fashioned candy treats. (Home of a jellybean quilt!) We'll also have some time at Jeanette's Fabric Store and to explore additional downtown shops as time allows. We stay 3 nights in **Nappanee, IN**, at Amish Acres, a heritage resort echoing the simple life of Amish society through historic interpretation, dining, lodging, theatre, baked goods and 6 quaint shops. Relax and get ready for a hearty **dinner**.



June 27 sleep in before a leisurely **breakfast**, or walk to church services after breakfast. Later, we have a **guided tour of Amish Acres**. The 80-acre restored Amish farmstead, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is the focal point of Amish Acres. A guided house and farm tour through the restored Amish home provide insight into the peaceful Amish lifestyle. Two documentary films inform and educate. A covered farm wagon with padded seats is pulled by an International Harvester H tractor and gives



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guests an overview of the historic farm as we travel down gravel lanes, around the pond, past historic buildings and through the woods. Enjoy a **light lunch**, matinee **Broadway musical** and complete your day with a family-style all-you-can-eat **Threshers' Dinner**. This evening, check out the **Quilt Garden at Amish Acres** or just relax and enjoy a free evening...play games, swim in the pool or relax in the porch rocking chairs.



June 28 after **breakfast** we'll meet our guide for a **Shingle Shoppes Backroads Tour**. You will delight in a new experience with our step-on guide, as we're taken on excursions along back roads surrounding Nappanee. We'll stop at a **working Amish farm**, chat with the family and witness traditional Amish farm life first-hand. It's a rare treat as groups shop alongside local Amish women at an Amish version of a supermarket or discover things found only in Amish Country in a rural general store. Step back in time visiting a one-room **Amish schoolhouse**. You'll have some free time to explore and shop in Nappanee before we return to the hotel. We'll have our last **dinner** together at **Cook's Buffalo Ranch** in Wolcottville, IN. We'll take a **hay wagon ride** with a local expert guide into the pasture to **hand-feed the great American Bison** in its own habitat. Learn the intricacies of raising, feeding and managing this wild animal...a unique experience for all ages. Then enjoy an old fashioned **chuck wagon barbecue**.



June 29 after **breakfast** we depart for home.

Your 6-day Amish Country Quilts & Gardens package includes:

Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 5 nights, luggage handling, tickets to all bolded attractions, gratuities for step-on guides, 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$1,035 per person, double occupancy

\$960 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$1,280 single room accommodations

Reservations: As long as space available

Deposit: \$105 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: May 24

Cancel by: May 24 for penalty-free cancellations

Early Booking Discount: \$50 per person discount applied toward final payment if deposit is received by January 25

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or **Travel Insurance** is available at a group rate. Please contact our office for details.

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