

Shipshewana

AT THE  OF AMISH COUNTRY, INDIANA



Amish Dining
Entertainment
Guided Tours
Hands-on Experiences
Animals Farms



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Shipshewana Crafted in Tradition

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Discover the Splendors of Shipshewana/LaGrange County, IN located in the Heart of Northern Indiana's beautiful Amish County culture. Handcrafted and grounded in rich tradition and culture, this group-friendly hidden gem flourishes with authentic Amish County hands-on experiences, abundant live-entertainment encounters, amazing events, astounding escapades for shoppers, artisans, makers and quilters, antique and vintage junkies and more.

Discover all the reasons we host almost two million visitors a year!

Charming Shipshewana/LaGrange County, Indiana, is known for its unhurried pace and an unspoiled countryside where life is a blend of modern world vs. a time when life was slower.

Shipshewana is known for its 'walkability', groups, and motorcoach-friendly ease-of-access and free parking....all clustered along the Marvelous Mega Mile of truly unique Experiences, Events, Attractions and Entertainment.

We love groups! And groups love us! Whether it's a day trip, stop-over, or an overnight trip, we will assist in hand-crafting tours—customizing itineraries from a full and diverse menu that offers a wide-ranging options of group friendly activities that will meet and exceed your expectations; and help create a wonderfully memorable experience for your group.

Be our guests! Contact us today to help make planning your next group trip a breeze.



Authentic Amish Experience

Give your group the experience of immersing them into in the quiet, simple, picturesque splendor and quiet tranquility of the Amish countryside as you take them Off the Beaten Path where they can unplug, unwind, and embrace a slower pace. Here, they can meet the Amish people who live here and offer authentic experiences and products.

Experience the stunning gardeners' handiwork art form of the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail. Discover the unique artful quilt square designs of the Barn Quilts and cottage shops.

- Watch Amish craftsman and artisans at work making highly crated furniture, exotic leather handbags, wooden baskets, rag rugs; or bringing life back into live edge wood; or turning reclaimed or re-purposed barn wood or other recycled materials into masterpieces.
- Experience a one-of-a-kind Amish One Room Schoolhouse, Exotic Animal Farm or Dairy Farm.
- Enjoy in-home Amish meals, baking and cooking demos, and maybe even watch a game of 'marbles'.
- Give your guests the opportunity to tour, observe (and sample) Amish food crafting such as cheesemaking, handmade noodles, pretzels or candies, jams and jellies.



Entertainment and Experiences & Events

The Marvelous Mega Mile



Shipshewana Auction & Flea Market

Featuring the Midwest's Largest Flea Market – 40+ Acres – 700 Vendor Spaces – Power Shopping at its finest! Bargains on home décor, clothing, books, tools, crafts, accessories, antiques & vintages, delicious food, crazy fun auctions and everything imaginable on the market. FREE Group admission and motor coach parking and other special group opportunities. Close to downtown and other shopping, attractions, and entertainment venues, as well as fantastic lodging!



The Blue Gate

The Blue Gate Experience for groups offers a broad range of dining, shopping, lodging and entertainment packages. Dine on home-style cooking. Delight in original musical theatre productions in the 320 seat Music Hall located above the restaurant on Broadway caliber, family friendly musicals all that warm the heart and delight your senses. Extend your entertainment in Shipshewana by taking in a nationally known celebrity guest artist inside the 1,500 seat Performing Arts Center offering top names such as Three Dog Night and Marie Osmond. Complete your peaceful escape with a cozy overnight in the Blue Gate Garden Inn hotel famous for it's "made to order" omelet station and huge breakfast buffet.



- The Bakery features 21 fresh baked pie varieties
- Extend and Stay 153 room signature hotel
- Complimentary breakfast, pizzeria, and creamery
- Indoor pool & hot tub, and outdoor fire pit

Michiana Events Center MEC - Built For BIG!

The MEC is a 6,000 seat multi-purpose event venue that is bringing BIG to Michiana, Northern Indiana. The MEC has changed the game in Entertainment in Northern Indiana. The MEC is located along the Shipshewana Marvelous Mega Mile! Blow your guests socks off with some star-studded line-ups. Featuring exquisite Equestrian Shows and Events.



- Six-Horse Hitch, Clydesdale, Morgan, Draft Horse Events
- Rodeo and Barrel Racing Show, Gunslinger Shows
- The Circus, Home & Yard Expos
- Motocross, Tractor Pulls, Auto-mania
- Craft Shows, multiple Old World Vintage & Antique Market
- Women's Conferences, Passion Play, NOEL, and UNTOLD (brand new for 2024!) The MEC is ready for your group!
- Concessions, dinner theaters, food trucks



Menno-Hof

Hear the intriguing story of the journey to freedom from Europe to LaGrange County, IN for the third largest US settlement of the Mennonite-Amish. Step into this interactive, multi-media production which presents authentic colorful, full-sized replicas like a 16th century courtyard. On-board a ship to the journey to freedom, experience the destructive force of nature in the tornado theater, and then at the end reflect in the calm of the Meeting House.

Itineraries

SAMPLE ITINERARIES - EXTEND YOUR STAY A DAY OR TWO

The Shipshe Mystery Tour *Suggested Itinerary #1*

Who doesn't love a Scavenger hunt? Shipshevana's colorful history comes alive when touring the downtown area where guests will discover the origins of the town captured in 16 building-sized hand-painted murals called Shipshe Walldogs. While having fun on Morton Street, your group will meet Jessie at Riverwood Pottery and see him throw clay onto his potter's wheel right before your eyes. Next door you'll meet noted Amish Quilt historian Rebecca Haarer in her vintage quilt shop. Across the street you'll be amazed at the woodworking demonstrations and skill of LaVern Miller's Teaberry Woodproducts workshop where exotic woods come to life in the form of beautiful baskets, cutting boards, puzzles and magnets. Complete your Shipshe Mystery Tour with a ride on the 1906 carousel for a step back in time before enjoying a tasty Jo Jo's Amish soft pretzel and a tour of the Menno-Hof Amish-Mennonite Interpretive Center.

Off the Beaten Path Hands-On Tour *Suggested Itinerary #2*

Have a memorable journey into the Heart of Amish Country as you meander 'Off the Beaten Path' for an authentic look into today's Amish culture and lifestyle. Meet local business owners in their small cottage shops as they demonstrate what they make and then craft your own souvenir to take home. Your tour group may wish to indulge in a hearty meal in an Amish home to complete this fun filled day. Make memories by embracing the simpler lifestyle found along the scattered pastoral farms and backroads.

As you learn the story behind each experience, chose from the following for your Hands-on experience.

- Make and take a wooden project at Teaberry Wood Products
- Make a Pretzel at Ben's Pretzel
- Fill your own Whoopie pie while watching a Rag Rug Weaving demonstration
- Milk a cow and tour an Amish Dairy Farm
- Tour and feed the wildlife at Dutch Country Amish Farm
- Mix your own Amish peanut butter spread in an Amish home

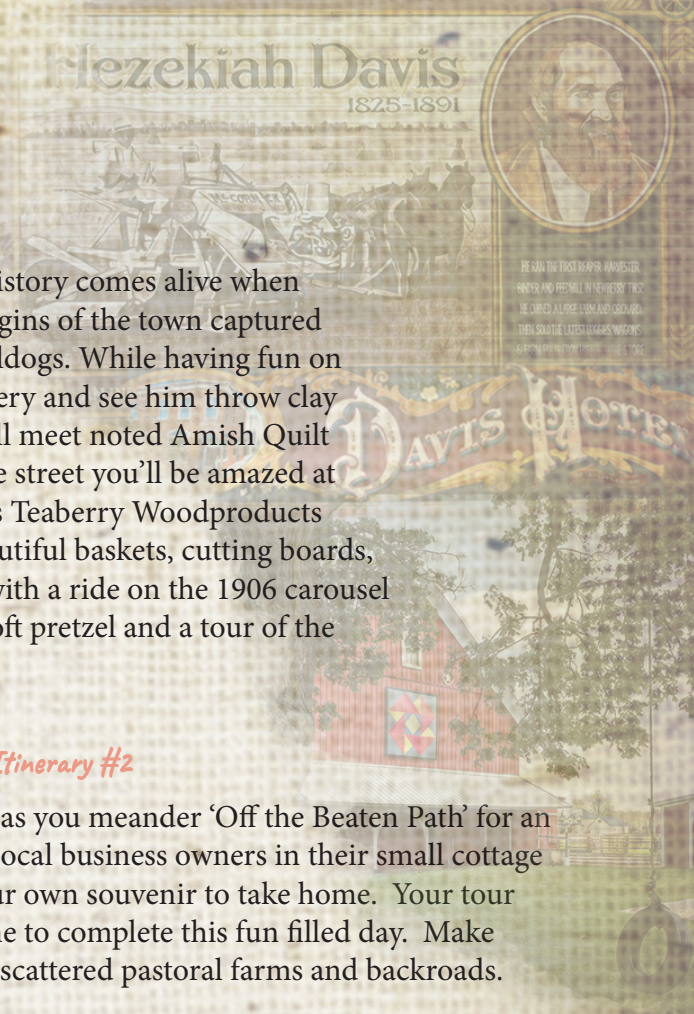
The Flea Bag Trail *New Group Experience*

Every participant needs a Scavenger Hunt card (Cost \$2 each)
The object of this hunt is to find four (4) of the six (6) locations as noted on the map, have your card punched and answer the question on your card for each location.

Participants can experience the hunt as an individual or in teams.
It is not a race. Feel free to shop or eat or just take in the sites along the way.
Have Fun! You will find each vendor eager to meet you at each unique booth location.

When you get to each vendor location, locate the "Flea Picture".
Count how many fleas are in the picture. Write the number of fleas in the picture on your card and then punch your card. Each site will have a different hole punch (or stamp.) Make sure the hole is punch and answer to the question matches the Vendor number which is located on the picture.

When you have completed your Scavenger Hunt on the Flea Bag Trail, collect your prize at the Flea Market office. Location noted on your card.



Gain The Most From Your Travel Experience

WE LOVE GROUPS in Northern Indiana Amish Country!! Shipshewana and Northern Indiana is the perfect destination whether your group is looking for 'all things Amish', entertainment, art/culture, shopping or other events! We offer (FREE) assistance in designing reliable, creative, and memorable experiences.

TOURS

- Buggy Ride Tours
- Brown Bag Tour
- NEW - Off the Beaten Path Tour - Barn Quilts and Cottage Shops
- Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail – Ask for a Local Gardener Step On Guide
- Mystery Tours
- Amish In Home Insights and Tasty Delights
- RV Museum & RV Production Plant Tours

Group Exclusive

& Unique Hands-On Experiences & Demos!

- Amish Cooking Class Demo & Recipes
- Cinnamon Roll Making Class Demo & Recipe
- Fill your own Whoopie Pie while watching an Amish Rag Rug Demo
- Amish Peanut Butter Making
- Christmas Cookie Decorating
- Noodle Making Demo
- Cheese Making Demo
- Amish Doll Making
- Pottery Demo
- Pretzel Making

Fun-Filled Themes

We love Groups!

Just ask us to help customize group tours with girlfriend's getaways, history, quilters, art, holiday, or any other theme you would like to focus on.

- Girls Getaway
- Outdoor themes such as kayaking, canoeing, or cycling
- Quilters & Scrapbookers
- Gospel Music Week

We Are OPEN! - Group Rates and Packages

Group Friendly

- All-Season Destination
- The Perfect Hub & Spoke
- Eat, Drink, and Be Merry
- Retail Therapy Shopping
- Entertainment & Special Events
- Tours & Customized Itineraries
- Animal Park & Dairy Farms
- Lodging

and more to explore!



Special Dates:



Blue Gate Theater

- NEW – Christmas Musical, Candy Caper – Nov-Dec 2023
- Neil Diamond Tribute and/or The Carpenters Tribute,
BOTH June 26-July 29, 2023
- Gospel Jubilee & Classic Country Countdown July 31st - August 19th, 2023

Performing Arts Center

- Gospel Music Week: June 5-7, 2023
- Daniel O'Donnell Christmas Show Nov 27-Dec 5, 2023
- Jeff Foxworthy, June 10, 2023

Michiana Events Center

- NOEL MAJESTIC CHRISTMAS - Dec 8-16, 2023, Dec 13-21, 2024
- COMING IN 2024 – UNTOLD – A Live Performance into Shipshewana's past with an exceptional Theater Experience that includes Animal & Aerial Acts, Powerhouse Vocals, Professional Dance, Dramatic Dialog, Comedy & More! July 27-Aug 3, 2024, July 26-August 9, 2025



Flea Market Grounds

- Lights of Joy:
Drive Thru Holiday Light Spectacular,
Nov 17-Dec 31, 2023

Group Friendly Lodging

Shipshewana (EXIT 107)

- Blue Gate Garden Inn260.768.4725
- Farmstead Inn & Conference Center.....260.768.4595
- Shipshewana Super 8260.768.4004
- Van Buren Hotel260.768.7780

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- Holiday Inn Express260.562.3660
- Super 8260.562.2828
- Best Western Plus260.562.2880

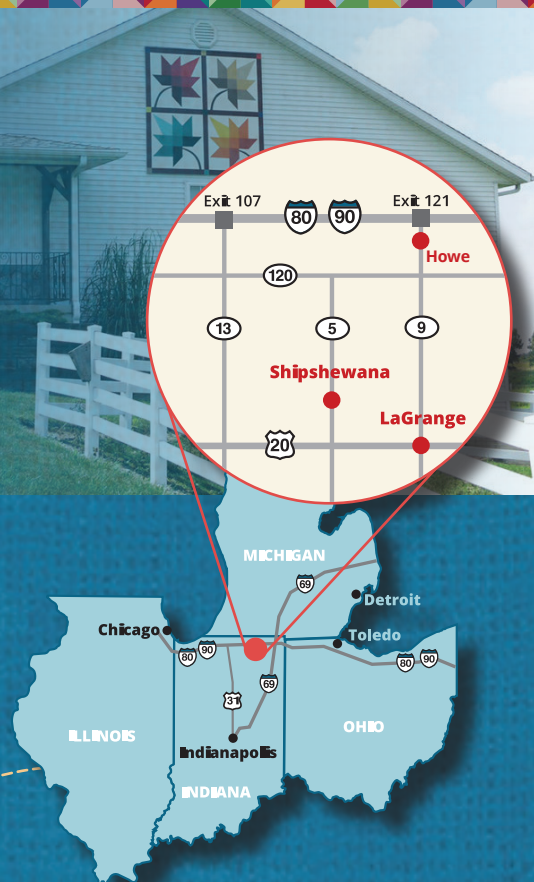
Trip Tips...

- Located in Eastern Time Zone
- Perfect for day trips
- Exit 107 & Exit 121 on 80/90
- Chicago – 134 miles
- Detroit – 175 miles
- Grand Rapids – 97 miles
- Indianapolis – 174 miles

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