

# Shipshewana

AT THE  OF AMISH COUNTRY, INDIANA

## Group Itineraries



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.

## Curated Experiences

### Country Roads and Amish Cottage Shops

Travel the country roads in LaGrange County, home to the third largest Old Order Amish Community in the US. As you take a drive with your step-on guide through the tranquil farmland, learn about the history, culture, religion, and education the Amish and how this plain community lives today. Your tour group will stop at several Amish family businesses where you will witness Amish craftsmanship up close. You may want to top off the day with a homecooked meal at an Amish home. Stay a day or several, there are lots of things to do in this peaceful community!

**8:15 am** Meet your guide at your host hotel

**8:30 am** Depart on tour

Travel north out of Shipshewana through the countryside and see Amish schools, bench wagons, general stores, and other unique items in the area. Your guide will share insights, information, details, and cultural nuances of the area.

**8:50-9:45 am** Arrive Silver Star Leather Shop

This local business started as a hobby for Loren as he made harnesses for his horses to provide additional income after a day working in a factory. After the local economy declined in 2008, Loren's wife suggested he expand his love of leather works into a business of making quality leather purses, billfolds, and men's belts. Your group will watch and hear from Loren as he constructs one of his popular belts before your eyes while understanding his use of a variety of exotic animal skins to make his products. There will be time for shopping in his unique leather goods shop before departing.

**10-10:30 am** Arrive Dutch Country Market and Katies Homemade Noodles

This Amish business started 20 years ago with the entire Lehman family, including 6 children, making noodles after their day at school. Today, you can see their Amish friends helping make noodles, meet Norm's son oftentimes behind the cash register, and frequently meet Norm as he shares his passion and love of beekeeping and harvesting honey for his numerous products. You won't want to leave without a bag of Norm's wife Katie's famous homemade noodles!

**11-11:30 am** Arrive Sonshine Baskets

Walk through this Amish family's workshop as you observe their passion for hand weaving baskets from natural reeds. This family business welcomes you to their shop and showroom with a variety of designs of baskets and liners.

**11:45-12:30 pm** Arrive Carolyn's Jams and Jellies

Walk through the kitchen where Carolyn and her grandchildren help her make the No Sugar Added Jams and Jellies. This popular condiment has been enjoyed by locals for several years, Carolyn sells a large variety of flavors in their shop.

**1:00 pm** Arrive downtown Shipshewana and say good-bye to your guide before lunch on their own

**OPTIONS:** Extend your country roads experience with various additional Amish stops including:

- Owl Toy
- Lambright Chimes
- E&S Bulk Food Store
- Nature Unlimited

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