

# Shipshewana

AT THE  OF AMISH COUNTRY, INDIANA



*Visit, Explore, Shop, Eat, Stay*

**IN INDIANA™**

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# SMALL TOWN CHARM IN

**Experience a magical Small Town Christmas in Shipshewana, Indiana!**

**The entire town lights up like a Hallmark Christmas Movie!**

**It's a truly magical experience, and we can't wait to share it with you!**

## Christmas Festivities

- Kick the holidays off right off with [The Lighting of Shipshewana!](#) The entire day is filled with Santa, music, photo ops, and food vendors. The famous [Light Parade](#), complete with horse-drawn lit parade entries, is the precursor to the official lighting of the 54 ft. Christmas tree and the entire downtown area. (November 11, 2023)
- Shop for [local hand-crafted gifts](#), delicious food treats, antiques, collectibles, and more.
- Visit [Amish Cottage Shops](#) for locally made handbags, baskets, noodles, toys, and wind chimes. Meet and hear their [cultural stories](#) and family history of celebrating this time of year.
- Take a ride on [100-year-old, fully restored indoor carousel](#) complete with hand-carved animals.
- Dine on delicious meals, including traditional [Amish dinners and desserts](#).
- Take a night time [carriage ride](#) through the scenic lights of Downtown.
- Enjoy NOEL, a [Christmas-themed spectacular](#) featuring horse riders, musicians, a Live Nativity, and a Christmas pig. (Dec 8-16)
- Attend [world-class concerts](#) at the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, including: Mannheim Steamroller, the Celtic Angels, Kenny G, The Lettermen, Sawyer Brown and more (Nov-Dec)
- See the [new 2023 holiday musical](#), the Christmas Candy Caper (Nov 9-Dec 30)
- Experience [Lights of Joy](#): a one-of-a-kind drive-through light display extravaganza, showcasing more than two million LED Christmas lights in a mile-and-a-half-long symphony of color!

## Family Fun

- Visit the four-story Davis Mercantile with [21 shops](#) and eateries, a [seasonal roof-top café](#), and a fully restored, 100-year-old [carousel](#). Try a [hand-made](#) soft-pretzel!
- Shop downtown, including Kid's Kreations, a store where you can design and [build your own doll](#).
- Get some pizza and play a round of [mini-golf](#).
- Visit Cook's Bison Ranch or Dutch Creek Family Farm to [see, feed, and pet animals](#) of all kinds, both domestic and exotic.
- Visit any of the [five local lakes](#), go kayaking, swim at the amazing Dallas Lake Beach, or play at the Delt Church Park 18-hole Disc Golf Course!
- [Mine for treasure](#) with "Shippy the Prospector" during the seasonal Shipshewana Flea Market.
- Play at the LaGrange [Splash Pad](#).
- Bike the [Pumpkinvine Trail](#) from Shipshe to Middlebury.





# THE HEART OF AMISH COUNTRY

## Outdoor Adventures

- LaGrange County is [home to 86 lakes and rivers](#)
- Explore the beautiful [Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Nature Preserve](#) offering [over 12,000 acres of land](#) operated by the Indiana DNR. Wildlife, wildflowers, wetlands, trapping, hunting, trails and target practice are all available.
- [Canoe or Kayak](#) (bring your own or rent) at T&L Country Canoes, Shipshewana or Trading Post Outfitters, Mongo
- Play 18-holes of [disc golf](#) at Delt Church Park
- Enjoy a wooded [3-D archery trail](#) with life-sized game targets and [fish off a pier](#) at Pine Knob Park
- Relax on a [sandy beach](#) at Cedar, Dallas, or Wall Lakes
- [Launch your boat](#) in the water at Witmer or Dallas Lake
- Enjoy a [round of golf](#) at Heron Creek Golf Course, LaGrange or Cedar Lake Golf Course, Howe



## Unique Shopping Opportunities

- Find hidden treasures of long ago at the [weekly antique auctions](#).
- Plan your adventure through the Midwest's [largest Flea Market!](#)
- Visit the "[Amish Walmart](#)", E&S Sales Bulk Foods
- Find grass-fed [meats & cheeses](#) at Yoder's Meat and Cheese

Meet local Artisans including:

- [Hand-thrown pottery](#) by Jesse Woodworth, Riverwood Pottery
- [Handcrafted Leather goods](#), by Amish leather craftsman Loren Yoder, Silver Star Leather
- [Fresh from the hive honey](#) by Amish bee-keeper Perry Bontrager, B Honey
- [Amish quilts](#) by Leanna Fry, Leanna's Quilts
- Watch colors of [wood turned into carvings and stacked baskets](#) by Lavern Miller, Teaberry Wood Products
- Meet [professional picker and custom furniture builder](#) Jesse Leichty, Cherry Pickers



## Explore the Culture

- Take a tour at [Menno-Hof](#) Amish Mennonite Interpretive Center and learn the history of the Mennonite and Amish people.
- Take a horse drawn [buggy ride](#) from Buggy Lane Tours or carriage ride from the Blue Gate Restaurant.
- Drive the backroads on a self-guided audio tour with the [Off the Beaten Path](#) Brochure and Shipshewana's Visitor's Guide.
- Shop the [Amish Cottage Shops](#) and Produce Stands scattered throughout the beautiful countryside. Follow the pop-up signs!
- Find out what a [Barn Quilt](#) is, and where you can see them by traveling the scenic backroads Off the Beaten Path.
- Visit a working [Amish dairy farm](#), take a tour, taste whole milk and feed a cow at Stutzman's Dairy, Shipshewana.





## Guests enjoy staying in The Heart of Amish Country!



Blue Gate Garden Inn



Farmstead Inn

Shipshewana is the Heart of Amish Country in Indiana, and we can't wait to share it with you!  
You're invited to visit us on a Media Fam Tour! Contact us today for story ideas and more!



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