

Shipshewana

AT THE  OF AMISH COUNTRY, INDIANA



Group Itineraries - Curated Experiences

Shipshewana Amish Country Christmas

The holiday season in Shipshewana is a joyous time filled with fun, food, family, and festive traditions! Step into a slower pace where you will breathe in the enticing aromas of fresh baked pies and cookies while listening to the sounds of your favorite carols. Feel the warmth from friendly Amish businesses as they invite you into their homes for a peek into the window of their unique world at this special time of year. Treasure memories of Christmas past and present as you delight in the magnificence of two million twinkling lights. Delight in the sounds of Christmas music and Amish-themed musicals. We promise you will discover why the holiday season in Shipshewana Amish Country is truly something special, some would say, like the Hallmark Channel brought to life!



NOTE: All times below are EST - Please verify date, times, and shows prior to finalizing your tour.

Day 1 -

4:30 pm - Arrive in Shipshewana

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Check into your host hotel

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm - Dinner at The Blue Gate Restaurant

Enjoy a traditional home-cooked meal. Selections range from fried chicken and slow-cooked roast beef, to homestyle Amish entrees. Pair your meal with mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and corn. It's the holidays, so visit the bakery for Christmas treats! Try a piece of apple or pecan pie or find plenty of cookies to take home with you.

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm The Christmas Candy Caper Musical

A Christmas heist full of hijinks and laughs. When Amish Candy Shop owner and prankster Lydia Miller gets caught up in a kidnapping, the kidnappers are stuck with a victim that no one wishes returned, and perhaps they're not the criminals they seem. Full of holiday cheer and mischief, get ready for a feel-good time.



Day 2 -

7:00 am - 8:30 am - Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast at your host hotel.

8:45 am - 9:45 am - Visit E & S Sales Bulk Food Store

Shop where the Amish shop! Find ingredients for your holiday meals. Amish-owned with the area's largest selection of bulk foods, baking and cooking supplies, spices, organic foods, meats, cheeses, nuts, and candies that line the counters for your foodie shopping pleasure. Go behind-the-scenes at the in-store bakery, noodle, and pizza-making sections, and the warehousing and distribution areas that will shed a new light on this delightful stop.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Discover The Downtown Hallmark-like Shopping District

Get all of your holiday gifts on a shopping spree in downtown Shipshewana! Experience millions of twinkling lights, boughs, baubles, bangles, and decor. Set your own pace and take a leisurely, self-guided tour of locally-owned shops. Choose between the four-story historic Davis Mercantile with a vintage carousel on the top floor or find locally-made crafts and decor along Morton and Harrison Streets. An entire day of shopping awaits, and here are just a few of the stores and experiences you'll find on your visit!

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch and Christmas Cookie Decorating at Shawna Rae's Bakery & Cafe

Decorate Christmas Cookies with Chef Shawna Rae. A local farmer turned chef, entrepreneur, and caterer, Shawna Rae offers baked goods and fresh soups, salads, and sandwiches. Make sure you leave with a slice of one of the daily made gourmet cheesecakes or a cupcake (or two).

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm - Visit Teaberry Wood Products and create a Wooden Christmas Ornament

Have a hard-to-buy-for bff? Wrap their Christmas presents in an exclusive handmade, numbered basket from the artisans at Teaberry. Meet LaVern & Rachel Miller at their family business in the heart of Amish Country and hear them share Christmas traditions, holiday experiences, and memories from the Miller family. Shop their huge holiday selection of handcrafted décor, puzzles, baskets, and cutting boards. Then sit down and make your own wooden, numbered basket with expert guidance from LaVern, or make a unique wooden Christmas ornament or puzzle.

4:30 - 6:00 pm - Lanterns and Hearth Christmas Meal inside an Amish Home

Celebrate an early Christmas with your tour friends at A Taste of Shipshewana! Dine in softly glowing ambient lantern-light in front of the cozy crackling fireplace on tables decorated with Linda's special collection of Christmas ornaments inside her beautiful Amish dining hall. Linda and her family will serve an authentic Amish-cooked meal of grilled pork chops, potatoes, homemade noodles, vegetables, salad, homemade bread and pies. It's a one-of-a-kind, unique experience to dine on a family farm, enjoying freshly prepared food and hearing family-favorite stories of their Christmas celebrations. End the meal with an Amish song, play a festive game of Christmas Bingo, and leave with a full belly.

6:30 - 8:00 pm - Lights of Joy Drive Through Display

There's no better way to experience the holiday season than driving through the Shipshewana Lights of Joy! This spectacular event features two million LED lights and displays along a mile-and-a-half path through a symphony of colorful scenes.

8:30 pm - Return to your host hotel after the Shipshewana Lights of Joy.



Day 3 -

7:00 - 8:30 am Enjoy a hot breakfast at your host hotel

8:45 am - 12:00 pm Take a Stocking Stuffer Tour Off the Beaten Path

Get ready to stuff your stockings with treats and trinkets from one-of-a-kind Amish businesses as you go off the beaten path on gravel roads and country lanes. As part of this unique and customizable experience, your journey stops at the suggested shops below. We will supply the Christmas "Stocking" Bag before you set off on an adventure like no other, stuffing your stocking as you go from stop to stop with items perfect for gift-giving or as a personal treat for yourself on the ride home.

OPTIONS: Guide to determine timing and routing for the following highlighted requested stops:

Choose - 4 stocking-stuffer stops. (Additional stops can be included for no fee or extra gifts)

- » Amish bakery
- » Amish sugar-free jelly maker
- » Amish leather Shop
- » Amish noodle maker
- » Amish wind chime maker
- » Amish toy maker
- » Popcorn shop

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Lunch & Make a pretzel at Ben's Pretzels

Enjoy a short presentation highlighting Ben's amazing story and his multimillion-dollar company. Ben's Pretzels was founded in 2004 by 3rd gen local Amish bakers, Ben and Elizabeth Miller, who spent years perfecting the preservative-free Amish/Dutch soft dough recipe pretzel. Roll your own pretzel and watch it being baked before your eyes. Choose your favorite dipping sauce and be transported to Pretzel Paradise at first bite!



1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Menno-Hof Amish Mennonite Interpretive Cultural Center

The Menno-Hof is an important and delightful first stop before taking in the rich landscape and gentle charm of the Shipshewana area. Learn about the history and culture of the Amish and how LaGrange County is the third-largest Amish settlement in the US. Take a guided tour of the museum and encounter immersive multimedia presentations and hands-on displays about the faith and life of the Amish and Mennonites. Visit the gift shop for handcrafted items made by local crafters.

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm - Yoder's Meat & Cheese Co

Get an inside look at locally-owned Yoder's Meat & Cheese Co. for your holiday food shopping. Learn how four generations have worked to bring top-quality meat from farm to your table. Specializing in locally-raised Beef, Buffalo, Pork, Poultry, and Lamb, all naturally fed, without hormones, steroids, or by-products. Fill your holiday table with 80 varieties of cheese, 150 cuts of meat, in-house smoked meats including "the world's best bacon!" and gourmet specialty foods.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Pop over to Yoder Popcorn

Give the gift of popcorn and stuff your stockings full of flavorful varieties. In 1936, Rufus Yoder started growing popcorn locally on the family farm. In the Amish custom, he shared his excess crop with his neighbors and friends, and now, generations later, the family continues to market this farm-fresh, delicious snack.

4:45 pm - 6:00 pm - Return to hotel to relax and change for dinner

6:15 pm - 8:15 pm - Head to LaGrange for dinner on Restaurant Row

Choose from dining options including Destination 814, Fireside Craft Burgers & Brews, or Linders Tavern on Main.

8:30 - Return to your hotel for the evening.



Day 4 -




7:00 - 8:30 am - Enjoy a hot breakfast at your host hotel

9:00 am - Board the bus and depart Shipshewana



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