



Quilt This City in Shipshewana for an experience like no other! At the heart of Amish Country, you'll find the quilting mecca of Northern Indiana. Discover a quilting cultural renaissance, woven together with a legacy and tradition passed down through generations. Sew your creativity while exploring **quilt stores**, resting at **quilt-group-friendly hotels**, dining at locally owned restaurants, and joining **hands-on experiences** in Shipshewana.

As the **third-largest Amish community in the nation**, Shipshewana is steeped in heritage and craftsmanship. Quilting here isn't just an art—it's a way of life. The Amish are known for their meticulously hand-stitched quilts, using time-honored techniques that reflect both beauty and simplicity. Explore shops, markets, and studios where these stunning works of art come to life and connect with a community where quilting continues to be a powerful expression of faith, family, and tradition.

Visit more than **20 Amish and local quilt and fabric shops** where you'll find tens of thousands of yards of fabrics, custom patterns, notions, fat quarters, and quilting machines, including long-arm machines such as Bernina and Featherweight. Extend your experience by finding vintage treasures at the Midwest's largest Flea Market.

Immerse yourself in a community devoted to guilds, retreats, and individual quilters tailored to your needs. Join **demos, workshops, and classes** taught by experts. Follow the **Barn Quilt Trail**, which features more than 80 stunningly crafted barn quilts. Then, create your own **hands-on experience** with the artist. Tour **Quilt Gardens** showcasing vibrant blooms planted in quilt block designs.



3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS



Day One

Visit Quilt Gardens at Krider Gardens, Farmstead Inn, Dutch Country Market and Das Dutchman Essenhaus.

Visit **The Quilt Shop** at Das Dutchman Essenhaus to discover handmade Amish quilts from local quilters and enjoy a hands-on quilt card class. Learn the **history, technique, construction**, and how quilts are locally sourced in Amish Country.

Your next stop is a delightful Amish couple known as the **Amish Rag Rug Weavers**. Step inside their cozy Dawdy house, where Leo will show you his handmade loom and demonstrate how he **weaves colorful threads and textiles** into beautiful **woven rugs**. Bring some cash to purchase an authentic Amish woven rug.

Step back in time at **Menno-Hof Cultural Center** to explore the rich history of the Amish through multimedia presentations and hands-on displays, including antique quilt displays, textiles, woven rugs, and other handcrafted items. The welcoming museum offers a view into the simpler lifestyle and culture where quilting is a huge focus.

Try the delicious Amish haystack meal served inside an Amish home for dinner before checking in to your Shipshewana cozy boutique hotel.



Day Two:

Enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast at your host hotel.

Start your shopping day early at **Yoder's Department Store** and **The Cotton Corner**. Here, you will find a quilter's paradise filled with over **20,000 bolts of fabric** and the region's largest selection of major brand fabrics, supplies, notions, patterns, **original designs**, and long-arm and **Bernina** machines. Stop in for a **demo** and chat with experienced, helpful staff. It's a local favorite for quilters that welcomes quilt groups throughout the year.

Next, head to downtown Shipshewana to shop at **Lolly's Fabrics** inside the historic four-story **Davis Mercantile**. You'll find a large assortment of fabrics from **Moda, Kaufman, RJ**, and a literal 'boatload' of **fat quarters** inside. With over **13,000 bolts of fabric** to choose from, you'll be spoiled for choice when it comes to making your own unique pattern.

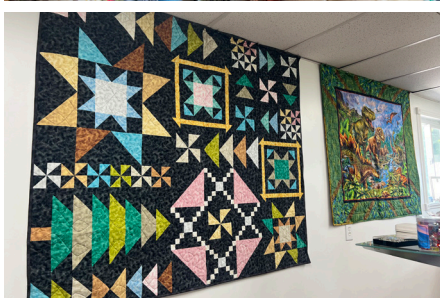
Meet owner Elsie, who will happily guide you through the fabric store. She'll even hand out welcome bags to help you design your next quilt. Step beneath the beautiful **Lord's Supper Quilt** and hear the story behind its creation.

Across the hall, be sure and stop into the **Lang Store** for more patterns, kits, notions, and fabrics.

Just outside on Morton Street, you'll visit **Rebecca Haarer's Antique and Vintage Quilt Shop**. Meet Rebecca as she shows you her collection and offers insights into all things quilting.

Just down the road at **I Sell Fabric**, you'll find **1,200 bolts** of **Australian Aboriginal** fabric, **Fossil-Fern Design**, and holiday fabrics.

Enjoy an Amish Thresher Buffet Meal followed by a family-friendly musical or top name concert at the **Blue Gate Restaurant and Theatre**.





Day Three:

Enjoy a hot breakfast at your host hotel.

Visit **Teaberry Wood Products** and meet owner LaVern Miller to create your own **wooden quilt block puzzle** made from exotic wood pieces for a memorable keepsake from your **Quilt This City Tour**.

OR

Create your own **Barn Quilt** with **local artist Karen Weiland**, who will guide you in painting your own 12" x 12" Barn Quilt block replica.

Before lunch, stop in at **Carolyn's Kitchen** to taste her no-sugar-added jams and jellies. Grab a sample from more than 20 flavors made fresh in her Amish kitchen. Bring along a little cash so you can take home jars of your favorites!

Next, meet Elaine, an Amish housewife, who will teach you how to make quilts the old-fashioned way, without any machines, just needle and thread. Make sure to keep cash handy to shop for quilts, fabrics, and accessories.

Afterward, enjoy a delicious lunch at **The Carriage House**, an Amish farm experience featuring fresh food, handmade breads, and plenty of pie. You won't leave hungry or disappointed.

Before you head home, stop by **Eash Sales** to purchase a ready-made barn quilt of your own. Time permitting, take in a few of the more than 80 custom-designed barn quilts along the **Barn Quilt Trail**.

Sew your story in Shipshewana!



Shipshewana loves groups!

Contact Judy McConnell - Group Sales Manager for more information on visiting Indiana Amish Country!

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Group-Friendly Accommodations

Blue Gate Garden Inn

- » Convenient Setup – Providing large, well-lit meeting/working spaces equipped with tables, chairs, ironing boards, irons, extension cords and more. A variety of room sizes – largest room accommodating 56 quilters with a separate area perfect for giveaways, pop-up shops, vendor displays or ironing/cutting stations.
- » Close proximity to fabric and quilt shops.
- » During your stay, enjoy a complimentary full breakfast buffet, access to the fitness center, indoor pool, hot tub and outdoor firepit. There is an ice cream and pizza shop in the common area.
- » Many comfortable, cozy conversation areas.
- » Group rates available.

Essenhaus Inn & Conference Center

- » Spacious facilities for accommodating large groups, retreats, workshops and quilt and fiber experiences.
- » A quilt shop on site.
- » Warm, cozy common areas and rooms filled with quilts.
- » Group rates are available.

Farmstead Inn & Conference Center

- » Convenient Setup – 8' sewing tables, complimentary irons, ironing boards, and cutting stations. Large, well-lit meeting spaces.
- » Cozy gathering spaces with fireplaces. Warm farmstead atmosphere is filled with quilts.
- » Walking distance to fabric stores and quilt shops.
- » Group rates.

The Van Buren Hotel

- » Convenient Setup – Providing tables, chairs, ironing boards and irons. Well-lit areas for detailed work. Group-friendly spaces for spreading out projects.
- » Private Meeting Space with adjacent restrooms – Located in the lower-level offering peace and quiet for focused work. Cozy, welcoming atmosphere.
- » Close proximity to fabric stores.
- » Group rate discounts available

Group Friendly Airbnb's

- » Convenient Setup – Providing tables, chairs, ironing boards and irons. Well-lit areas for detailed work. Group-friendly spaces for spreading out projects.
 - » Bright Morning Star
 - » Farmhouse on Farver
 - » Ole Tin Rooster