

Shipshewana, Indiana

August 25-28, 2025

4 Days/3 Nights

It's a fun-filled 4-day getaway that has something for everyone—whether you're a quilter, garden lover, shopper or just plain love good food. You'll explore Amish family businesses and meet some of the actual people who are skilled craftsmen, bakers, and farmers. You may even see several beautiful gardens planted to resemble one of the many Amish quilts. Come along with us!

Day One, Monday, August 25, 2025 (CB,D)

After our early morning departure, we'll stop about an hour away to enjoy some sweets and coffee along I-80 near Princeton, Illinois. In order to save some time getting to Shipshewana, we'll have a "lite" lunch on your own prior to our early afternoon arrival into Middlebury. We'll drop our bags, take a short restroom break and start out on our adventure.

Our hotel is the beautiful Das Dutch Essenhaus, a unique combination of lodging and shopping. All guest rooms include amenities such as hi-speed wireless Internet, in-room coffeemaker, refrigerator, hairdryer, separate vanity, lavatory, and dressing area. Please note that the entire property is smoke free. You can enjoy the indoor swimming pool, exercise room, game room, walking and jogging paths, play a round of miniature golf, or see the covered bridge. Browse through a generous selection of unique gift and collectible items and clothing in the shops located on their property where you'll find everything from gifts and Christmas year-round to home décor and fashions, a quilting fabric store and more and the shops are generally open until 7:00 p.m.

Next, we'll make a quick stop at one of the beautiful floral gardens in the area. You can visit Yoder's Popcorn Shop, you will be treated to a small bag of popcorn. Be sure to pick up some of their "Tiny Tender" popcorn to bring home. It's delicious! Get the best bargain in town on the Cashew Brittle here.

Then it's on to the "Front Porch" and Shipshe Casuals. Here you will find lots of trendy tops and dresses, watches, Baggallini purses, t-shirts, shoes, toys, and kitchen gadgets. gift items with a large "sale" room full of bargains.

There will be an opportunity next to shop at Yoder's Department Store, where the locals shop. Here you will find 12,000 bolts of fabric, 10,000 pairs of footwear, hardware, tools, housewares, home accessories, clothing and hard to find items.

Before dinner, we'll make the short drive through downtown Shipshewana so you can acquaint yourself with the various shops where you might like to visit the next days you're in town.

Dinner is at Yoder's in an Amish home at 5:30 p.m. We will have a threshers meal. Enjoy fried chicken, meat loaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, dressing, homemade noodles, garden salad & dressing, homemade bread, a beverage with assorted pies for dessert. We return to the hotel in early evening where your luggage has been delivered to your room.

Day Two, Tuesday, August 26, 2025 (B,Pretzel,D)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel at your leisure. It's located on the 2nd floor and includes make-your-own waffles, scrambled eggs or egg casserole, sausage and gravy, rotating items like bacon, French toast sticks, various pastries from their bakery, yogurt, fresh fruit, juices, coffee, milk, and cereals.

We then venture on to E & S Bulk foods. Take cash or checks because they don't take credit cards. Here you will find items you can't find anywhere else. They sell items like huge bags of dehydrated marshmallows, bulk grains of all kinds, mixes for pasta, unique cooking ingredients, bulk spices, aluminum baking pans, puzzles, candy of all kinds and more. Across the parking lot you will find Eash Sales which has just remodeled their store and has lots of handmade wooden plaques, furniture, outdoor décor and many unique items to decorate your home.

Teaberry Wood Products is our next visit. It's a family-run business that started out as a sawmill and dry kiln operation. Now, it is a full-time arts and craft business making animal puzzles and much more, but specializing in Monroe Dutcher style baskets. These baskets are quite unusual in design and are sturdy and functional and made from cherry, oak, walnut and purpleheart woods with each basket signed and numbered and dated by Rachel.

In the early afternoon join us for a visit to Ben's Pretzel shop where we'll make your very own pretzel, bake it and then savor it with some cheese sauce and a beverage. Ben has made this small shop into a thriving big pretzel business all over the U.S. You'll enjoy hearing of his success.

Stop over at Carolyn's Kitchen where you'll find twenty flavors of Amish homemade jams – all with no sugar or artificial sweeteners. Browse the countryside store and learn how the jams are made

Yoder's Meat and Cheese is next on our list. If you want to get any meat or cheese, please bring a cooler. You won't want to miss those famous "fried pies." Here you will find all sorts of meats and cheeses, canned fruits and vegetables, spices, and candies.

The Red Barn, located next door, has beautiful items like tables and chairs, wooden gift items like lazy susans, rocking chairs, bar stools and other items if you're interested in seeing furniture and other wooden gift items.

Dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant served family style.

Day Three, Wednesday, August 27, 2025 (B,D)

Breakfast is available on the 2nd floor again this morning.

Silver Star Leather is our next stop. It has all kinds of purses, belts, men's and women's wallets, briefcases, duffel bags, pouches and many more small items. It is the only leather shop with everything. New for 2025 is their line of décor. Leather plaques with quotes and verses lasered to perfection.

You'll have several hours downtown where there are over 100 shops and boutiques. Lunch will be on your own. If you're a quilter, be sure to visit the huge quilt shop located on the first floor of the Mercantile Building. Then, before we leave for those that wish, a ride on the merry-go-round on the top floor of the building. It will bring back wonderful childhood memories. You'll have several hours at the flea market if you wish.

Find out about a local specialty, the “Haystack” dinner. The children of a local school submitted this recipe and won the Paul Newman National Cooking Contest. This is served at an Amish home. You take what you want from the “pass around” items and make your own “haystack.” Start with cooked rice or crackers on your plate, followed by a beef mixture, shredded lettuce, chopped onions, peppers, tomatoes, etc. After your “stack” is completed, the last item to put on top is melted cheese sauce, if you wish. The meal is accompanied by homemade bread, peanut butter whip and apple butter. Dessert will be homemade apple crisp with ice cream and caramel sauce. Return to the Essenhaus Inn.

Day Four, Thursday, August 28, 2025 (B)

Breakfast is available on the 2nd floor again. You’ll have some time this morning before we leave.

Then we’ll visit the Rise-n-Roll Bakery where you can buy those yummy cinnamon donuts! They also offer tasty pies, cakes, cookies and rolls. You’ll want to bring some home for sure.

A stop will be made at Katie’s Noodles. You can even watch noodles being made. They’re known for their honey and jumbo jelly beans, too. Made on site, you’ll find peanut butter and old-fashioned fruits and vegetables, jams and salsas, in jars like grandma used to make.

As we head toward home, make a stop at Linton’s Enchanted Gardens in Elkhart. It’s Indiana's largest facility, boasting over 50,000 square feet of indoor shopping filled with gifts and seasonal décor. Silk floral arrangements are their specialty, but they also offer gourmet foods and sweets, as well as handmade jewelry, fragrant candles, bath luxuries, and the latest in women's fashion accessories, including the popular Vera Bradley line of purses.

From here we start our journey homeward with several rest stops and a dinner break along the way.

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