

Shipshewana

AT THE ♥ OF AMISH COUNTRY, INDIANA

On Your Own Tours

TUESDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 11-15, 2024

Learn about the Amish and Mennonite Faiths



- Date:** Anytime Tuesday-Saturday, June 11-15, 2024
- Time:** Tue-Sat. First tour starts at 10 a.m., last tour begins at 3:45, closes at 5 p.m.
- Tour Type:** Drive your own car to the museum, No transportation is provided; show name badge for admission,
- Cost:** Free for conference attendees with a name badge for admission.
Guest fee: Pay at the door \$8.50 per adult.
- Max:** N/A

Tour and visit the Menno-Hof, Amish-Mennonite Interpretive Center. Show your name badge, and you'll experience the history and heritage of the Amish, Mennonites, and Hutterites. Travel through five centuries of fascinating history, from their origins in Switzerland to their arrival in America. History unfolds as you explore a 17th-century sailing ship and replicas of a 19th-century print shop and meeting house. Experience the simulation of a tornado as the wind blows and the theatre shakes. And, finally, see The Amish Room - set up like the inside of an Amish house. The tour lasts approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes and is interactive.

Shop 'til you drop and Save in Shipshe



Date: Anytime Tuesday-Saturday, June 11-15, 2024

Time: Anytime during shop hours, primarily 10-5

Cost: Free for attendees, free for guests

Max: N/A

Do you wanna save big money in Shipshe? Arrive in Shipshe and Shop 'til you drop and Save with the Visit Shipshewana Coupon Book! This free coupon book offers dozens of coupons for local attractions, eats & treats, plus shopping inside multiple local stores. Save \$2 off a handcrafted Riverwood Pottery mug, Get a free gift with \$20 purchase at the Red Barn Bargains, receive 10% off your purchase at I Sell Fabric, take \$5 off a Salt Treatment at Salt Wellness Therapy, use a \$10 gift certificate at Annie Oakley Natural Perfumery, get a free scoop of ice cream when you buy one of Shawna Rae's delicious cupcakes, or get a free fountain drink with sandwich purchase at Red Bud Coffee Tea Café. These and so much more are all available to you at the Visit Shipshewana Information Table located inside your host hotel lobbies starting Tuesday, June 11, 2024. We'll also have a local dining list for early arrival culinary options and choices at the same info table. Plan your travel to arrive early and, enjoy Shipshewana and save big money!

Off the Beaten Path Heart of Amish Country Adventure Audio Tour



Date: Anytime Tuesday-Saturday, June 11-15, 2024
Time: Anytime during daylight hours
Cost: Free for attendees, Free for guests
Max: N/A

Grab your free, narrated, audio driving tour and explore Shipshewana and LaGrange County on your own. It's an adventure waiting to happen. You'll pop in a USB stick, CD, or download on Spotify, this brand NEW scenic driving tour that takes you through small towns along a rural curated path. Stop and start as you wish to explore over 120 Amish cottage shops, 80 Barn Quilts, and countless roadside produce stands. Hear about the famous Howe Skunk Lady, discover the feud between two families that started Shipshewana, and learn which renowned TV actor is from Wolcottville. You'll also find insights into the Amish way of life, including weddings, school, travel, lifestyle, and even their love of baseball. Travel down gravel roads, past clothes on the line, and horses in the fields. It's an opportunity waiting for you to make it your own anytime you wish. Pick up your free USB or CD at the Visit Shipshewana Info Tables in the hotel lobby and get out and enjoy! Come back, share your stories, and make your friends jealous of all you have seen!

Canoeing the Scenic Fawn River



Date: Anytime Tuesday-Saturday, June 11-15, 2024

Time: Tue-Fri between 9-5, Sat-Sun between 8-7

Cost: Free for bloggers/influencers
CVB/Guest fee \$20 per adult

Contact: Email Sonya Nash at sonya@lagrangecountycvb.org to arrange

Paddle your cares away in the quiet scenery of the Fawn River. Your paddling trip will take you through diverse banks of trees and wildflowers and marshes filled with varieties of birds, including Red-Winged Blackbirds, Swifts, Great Blue Herons, and even Sandhill Cranes. Other creatures spotted include deer, muskrats, beavers, raccoons, geese, ducks, otters, mink, turtles, butterflies, and snakes. It's a nature lover's and photographer's dream, plus just one of the amazing adventures waiting for you in Shipshewana, Indiana.

Bike the Pumpkinvine Trail



- Date:** Anytime Tuesday-Saturday, June 11-15, 2024
- Time:** Anytime during daylight hours
- Tour Type:** Bring your own bike, drive in your car to trailhead, as much or as little as you want OR rental bike can be arranged onsite.
- Cost:** Free for bloggers/influencers
CVB/Guest fee will be based upon bike type.
- Contact:** Email Sonya Nash at sonya@lagrangecountycvb.org to arrange

Bike where the Amish bike through the scenic countryside of Amish Country on the paved 17-mile Pumpkinvine Trail. This trail offers numerous scenic countryside photo ops and multiple stops to sit in the shade, grab lunch or ice cream, see Amish farms, and check out attractions. The 17-mile trail starts downtown at the Shipshewana trailhead and takes you to the towns of Middlebury and Goshen before your return trip. Both of those towns offer a variety of shopping and dining options close by trailheads. Guests can do as much or as little of the trail as they wish. A map will be provided. This self-guided experience is a flexible, fun, on-your-own leisure adventure. Bring your bike or a rented bike, which is available. A goodie-treat bag of snacks and water will be provided for each rider. Fill out the form for your backroads biking Amish Country Adventure.

In-Home Amish Meal Experience



- Date:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Time: Meet in the lobby of the Blue Gate Garden Inn at 5:30 p.m. EST
Cost: \$30 per person – includes the full two-meat, all you can eat, Thrasher’s Meal, dessert, beverage, tax and gratuity.
RSVP: Email Sonya Nash at sonya@lagrangecountycvb.org to RSVP or for any questions

Join the Visit Shipshewana team for this extra special dinner. Meet Sonya in the lobby of the Blue Gate Garden Inn by 5:30 p.m. ET on Tuesday, June 11. From there, we’ll carpool and drive a short distance to the home of Vera of Eden Meadow Banquets for a served, traditional Amish, family-style meal.

Vera makes everything from scratch in her kitchen and you’ll get a chance to meet her, hear her story and maybe even tour her kitchen. It will be a relaxing evening with new and old friends in the countryside.

Tickets for this experience are \$30 per person and include the full two-meat, all you can eat, Thrasher’s Meal, dessert, beverage, tax and gratuity. You can pay Sonya cash, check, Venmo or she can invoice you.

RSVPs are required. Deadline to reserve by June 7. There is a group minimum and if it is not met, you will be notified.