



AMISH BACKROADS

Spring is in the air, making the idyllic back roads of Amish Country even more beautiful. Learn about peaceful people and local products that make Amish Country so memorable on a journey that honors a simpler way of life, and includes plenty of modern-day fun as well.

April 11 - 16, 2023

Departs Wichita

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1 // Columbia, MO Capture a glimpse of the Amish way-of-life as we begin our journey through America's heartland to scenic Amish Country.

2 // Champaign, IL Our route winds through beautiful countryside before crossing the mighty Mississippi. Honor the life and legacy of America's 16th president with a visit to the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**. Visitors are awed by rare artifacts and inspiring exhibits highlighting Lincoln's political career and private life. Mighty and magical reindeer are fascinating animals. Today, we have the opportunity to get up close and friendly with a few of the herd at a **Hardy's Reindeer Ranch**. A delicious **chuck wagon dinner** awaits us, followed by a phenomenal **dinner show** along with entertaining performers, comedy and music.

3 // Elkhart, IN Witness the transformation of transportation at the **RV Hall of Fame Museum** tracing the history of RV'ing from early 1913 travel-trailers to today's state-of-the-art motor homes. During afternoon free time, explore the numerous shops featuring hand-crafted Amish items. You'll find everything from hand-crafted decor to one-of-a-kind antiques while shopping in **Shipshewana**. Later, we'll indulge in an authentic Amish dinner at the **Blue Gate Theatre**. The show tonight is a performance of **Dear Soldier Boy**, about Anna and her feisty friend Sofia who write letters to soldiers off at war. Anna just wants to encourage and be a blessing to the men who are away fighting, but Sofia is trying to find herself a husband! You are sure to love this light-hearted, hilarious musical performance!

4 // Elkhart, IN Travel off the beaten path, to an area traveled by buggies more than cars during an **Amish Countryside Tour**. Our **local guide** reveals the history, customs and traditions of the Amish, with plenty of stops along the way. Peek inside an Amish coffin, *empty of course!* Visit a **Teaberry Craftsman** shop and learn how Amish hand weave artesian baskets out of walnut, cherry and other hardwood items. Watch **Amish bakers** shape loaves and rolls by hand in a gas-lit kitchen. The cinnamon and pecan loaded varieties are the odds-on favorites in this rural, roadside bakeshop. Then, learn firsthand tried and true cooking secrets in an Amish kitchen and savor a hearty "**Haystack**" meal. Next, we'll make your way to **Heritage Creamery** to taste the simple pleasure of cheese crafting and watch the cheese making process right on site at the creamery. Become a master of homemade **pretzel making** as we learn the history behind this traditional Amish treat. Enjoy a hands-on demonstration in twisting and watch it being baked before your eyes. Next, we'll make a stop at "Amish Trader Joe's" aka, the **bulk food store**. Experience the simplicity of Amish cooking on a once of a lifetime experience feasting on a traditional **Amish dinner** in the charming setting in a restored 1851 church at **The Carriage House**.

5 // St. Louis, MO Say farewell to Amish Country today and begin our journey home. We'll stop along the way to enjoy a delicious **lunch** before heading to a **Tiny Town with BIG Things!** Check out the **small town** charm of Casey, Illinois; home to the world's largest collection of **big things**, with eight Guinness-certified titles for the largest objects. See the world's largest wind chime, rocking chair, mailbox, pitchfork, pencil, golf tee, wooden shoes, giant knitting needles & crochet hook, and much more.

6 // Home Return home with a rejuvenated spirit, souvenirs and new friendships following an unforgettable visit to Amish Country.

Included Meals

- 5 Breakfast
- 2 Lunch
- 3 Dinner

Activity Level



\$1339 Double **\$1259 Triple**
\$1179 Quad **\$1669 Single**

\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person
 Optional Travel Protection Available
 Final Payment Due 45 days before departure

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