



# Tastes & Traditions of Amish Country & Beyond

## VISIT: Shipshewana, IN • Frankenmuth, MI • Toledo, OH

### (TMC1908)

#### INCLUDES:

**SEPTEMBER 21-26, 2025**

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from Syracuse, Rochester, or Buffalo
- 5 nights accommodations
- 12 meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Make-and-taste a pretzel at Ben's Pretzels
- Visit and shop at E & S Sales Bulk Food Store
- Visit Yoder Popcorn for a tasting and shopping experience
- Shop at Carolyn's Kitchen for homemade sugar free jams & jellies
- Experience a fresh produce marketplace
- Enjoy a covered wagon ride to witness a bison herd on Cook's Bison Ranch
- Visit Heritage Ridge Creamery to sample their award-winning cheese and perhaps buy some for later!
- Visit Amish Fried Pie Store
- Visit Stutzman Dairy Farm to meet the animals and witness milkings
- Decorate cookies at Shawna Rae's Bakery & Café
- Tour Menno-Hof Interpretive Cultural Center and visit their gift shop featuring handcrafted items
- Visit Dutch Country Market, home to a beehive farm, honey products, and Katie's Homemade Noodles
- Witness the art of rug handweaving in an old Amish home
- Shop 'til you drop at Shipshewana Trading Place Flea Market
- Enjoy *The Rise and Fall of Miss Fannie's Biscuits - The Musical* at Blue Gate Theatre
- Free time in Frankenmuth to explore the village or River Place Shops
- Visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland
- Baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host
- Services and Gratuities for a Professional Motorcoach Driver
- All applicable taxes and fees

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3

**ACTIVE:** moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.



### HOTEL(S):

Hampton Inn Oregon/Toledo, OH (1 night)  
Blue Gate Garden Inn, Shipshewana, IN (3 nights)  
Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, MI (1 night)

### PRICING:

Double	\$1,699
Single	\$2,239
Triple	\$1,529
Quad	\$1,469
Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity	\$24

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$350 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment due by July 7, 2025.

**NOTE:** This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

### PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

#### Buffalo

AAA Administrative Office  
100 International Dr.  
Williamsville

#### Rochester

RIT Inn & Conference Center  
5257 West Henrietta Rd.  
Henrietta

#### Syracuse

Syracuse DoubleTree Hotel  
6301 State Route 298  
East Syracuse

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment.  
Day of Deposit to 6-1-2025 / \$150 Admin Fee Per Person  
6-2-2025 to 7-7-2025 / Loss of Deposit Per Person  
7-8-2025 to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person



## TENTATIVE ITINERARY

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### Sunday, September 21, 2025

Early morning boarding begins at a **NEW LOCATION as of March 1, 2025: Syracuse DoubleTree Hotel, 6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY (Carrier Circle).**

Early morning boarding begins at RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY. A brief rest stop will be made en route.

Early morning boarding begins at AAA Travel & Insurance Center, 100 International Dr, Williamsville, NY. Rest and meal stops will be made en route at your own expense.

Check-in for your **one-night stay** at the Hampton Inn Oregon-Toledo, OH. **Baggage handling** is included.

Enjoy a **buffet dinner** at Packo's at the Park. The dinner buffet showcases their famous Hungarian cuisine: chicken paprikas, cabbage rolls, award-winning smoked sausage hot dogs with fixins, German potato salad, green beans, and garden salad. Includes non-alcoholic beverages and dessert. Cash bar available.

### Monday, September 22, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Depart for Shipshewana, IN.

Pick up your Local Guide on arrival. Your first stop is **Ben's Pretzels** to make your own pretzel and enjoy included **lunch**. Next, you'll have time to explore **E & S Sales Bulk Food store**. Then off to **Yoder's Popcorn**, **Carolyn's Kitchen** for delicious no sugar added jams and jellies, and finally a stop at a **fresh produce market**.

Enjoy **Cook's Bison Ranch Tour and Chuck Wagon Dinner**.

Check-in for your **three-night** stay at the Blue Gate Garden Inn. **Baggage handling** is included.

### Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Meet your Local Guide for a full day of touring. Today you will visit **Heritage Ridge Creamery**, **Amish Fried Pie Store**, and **Stutzman Dairy Farm**.

Included today is a **boxed lunch** from Shawna Rae's Bakery & Cafe. While here, apply your decorating skills.

Visit the **Menno Hof Interpretive Cultural Center**. 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.

Make afternoon stops at **Dutch Country Market** (home to a beehive farm and honey products), **Katie's Homemade Noodles**, and the **Amish Rag Rug Weavers** shop.

Tonight enjoy an included **Haystack meal at an Amish home**.



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### Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Today explore the incredible **Shipshewana Trading Place Flea Market**. This outdoor flea market is the size of 30 football fields. Take part in crazy fun auctions. Sample delicious food. Find bargains on home decor, clothing, produce, plants, tools, crafts, books, beauty supplies, accessories, handmade items, vintage items and everything imaginable. There's something for everyone!

Arrive to your reserved seating at the Blue Gate Garden Inn Music Hall for "**The Rise and Fall of Miss Fannie's Biscuits – The Musical**". Mysteries have a way of following Fannie Miller, so when she makes it into the finals of the Tuscarawas County Baking Contest and contestants start disappearing, she calls on her old friend Foster Bates, a retired cop and part-time private investigator. Could it be that other finalists are somehow responsible for these disappearances, thinning out the competition? Like the couple on the verge of divorce who need the prize money, or the three Beiler sisters, always in a huddle whispering. One thing is for certain - Foster and Fannie will stay on the case until the end, and everyone involved will have learned something important about baking contests, solving mysteries, and life.

Enjoy a **family style dinner** at the Blue Gate Restaurant after the show. Dinner includes fried chicken plus one more meat, real mashed potatoes, chicken dressing, gravy, vegetables, homemade noodles, a fresh garden salad, homemade bread, and your choice of pie, bread pudding or ice cream, and a beverage.

### Thursday, September 25, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Depart for Frankenmuth, MI.

Enjoy **free time to explore the village, River Place Shops, or Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**. Today, lunch is at your expense.

Check in for your **one-night** stay at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. **Baggage handling** is included.

A **family style dinner** is included tonight at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Dinner includes homemade bread, noodle soup, coleslaw, three seasonal salads, mashed potatoes, baked dressing, gravy, hot vegetable, buttered noodles, Chef's choice dessert, coffee, tea, milk, or fountain soft drinks, and features the famous Frankenmuth-style "All-You-Can-Eat" chicken that put Frankenmuth on the map.

### Friday, September 26, 2025

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Depart for home. Rest/meal stops will be made en route at your expense.

Return to Williamsville early evening.

Return to Henrietta in the evening.

Return to Syracuse in the evening.

*Timing, itinerary, inclusions, and order of events are subject to change without notice.*

*Effective April 21, 2025, New York State requires any person on a charter bus in New York State to be restrained by a safety belt while in motion. Failure to comply will result in fines imposed on the person not in compliance. [NY State Assembly Bill 2023-A8557](#).*

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