

SAMPLE ITINERARY AMISH COUNTRY

Day 1

Amish Farmlands Tour

Begin your visit with a one-hour guided tour of the Amish farmlands of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Tours depart from the Pennsylvania Dutch Visitors Center. Your certified guide will give you an insider's overview of Amish life. You'll travel back roads and discover the world of our Amish neighbors – their one-room schoolhouses, horse and buggy transportation, and incredible scenery.

Amish educational museum/historic site

*Learn about Amish homes, farms, and their customs with a visit to any of Lancaster County's unique replica Amish homes and villages. **The Amish Farm and House** along Route 30 in Lancaster is an authentic 1805 stone farmhouse with a guided house tour and self-guided farm tour. Learn the customs of the Old Order Amish, and visit a working farm with barns, livestock, and a blacksmith shop. Strasburg's **Amish Village** offers guided tours of the farmhouse and features a replica schoolhouse and a water wheel. The **Amish Experience** offers a multimedia presentation that shows the life of an Amish family in Lancaster County and the accompanying **Amish Homestead** shows just how that family's home might be set up today.*

Amish buggy ride

Here's your chance to travel as the Amish do – in an authentic horse-drawn buggy. Several businesses operate buggy rides that let you see what daily transportation is really like for this unique community. Your buggy ride, often driven by an Amish or Mennonite guide, will take you into the scenic countryside and often stop at an Amish farm.

Pennsylvania Dutch meal

Tempt your taste buds with mountains of Pennsylvania Dutch delights, and you'll immediately know you're in an area of "gut fressin" (good eating)! Enjoy a traditional Pennsylvania Dutch family-style meal and see what chicken pot pie, shoofly pie, hot bacon dressing, chow chow, whoopie pies, and more really taste like. Hearty meals are served family style (at long tables with heaping portions passed around from guest to guest) or smorgasbord, where guests line up for an all-you-can-eat feast of fried chicken, fresh roast beef, buttered brown noodles, and mouth watering desserts. We can promise you won't leave hungry!

Lodging opportunities

Immerse yourself in the culture of the Amish community by spending the night in the heart of the Amish countryside. Choose from upscale hotels

that look out over the pristine farmland or quiet country B&Bs where buggies often pass by the front porch. For an even more unique experience, spend the night at a working farm B&B, where you'll join farmhands in milking cows, gathering eggs, and more.

Day 2

Farmers' market

Experience true farm-fresh foods with a morning stop at any of the area's fine farmers' markets. Local farmers, many of them Amish, bring their meats, cheeses, produce and more fresh from the farm to the market, where customers can experience the very best of local foods. Sample homemade jellies and baked goods or just-baked soft pretzels.

Working cannery

*This Pennsylvania Dutch custom of canning and preserving the fruits and vegetables from the home garden is one passed down from generation to generation. Today, visitors can watch as Amish women still can thousands of jars of jams, jellies, and preserves by hand at **Kitchen Kettle Village**, and nearby, the **Intercourse Canning Company** features all kinds of Amish hors d'oeuvres, from jams and salsas to dips, BBQ sauces, and more.*

Tour of Amish quilt & craft shops

Spend the day leisurely browsing through the Amish villages of Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse, or stray from the main roads and drive through the countryside to find little in-home Amish shops. The Amish are skilled craftspeople, creating fantastic wooden furniture and toys, gorgeous ironwork, and brilliant quilts. Dozens of shops featuring the work of local Amish welcome visitors.

Day 3

Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum

37-41 North Market Street, Lancaster

Bold colors...intricate designs...dazzling artwork... and most of all, a rich sense of history and tradition. All of these things can be found in the exquisite exhibits at the Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum. The museum's highlight is an incredible world-famous collection of Lancaster Amish Quilts established by the Esprit Corporation in the 1970s. More than 80 genuine Amish quilts - some more than 100 years old - showcase the craftsmanship and artistry practiced by Amish quilters.

Make-a-Friend Workshop

150 Cherry Hill Road, Ronks

Let the kids bring home their very own Amish creation at this unique workshop, where kids can create their very own Amish doll and at the same time, learn a little more about the Amish way of life. All doll garments are handmade, just like real Amish clothing.