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## Indiana 2017 Group Tour Planner



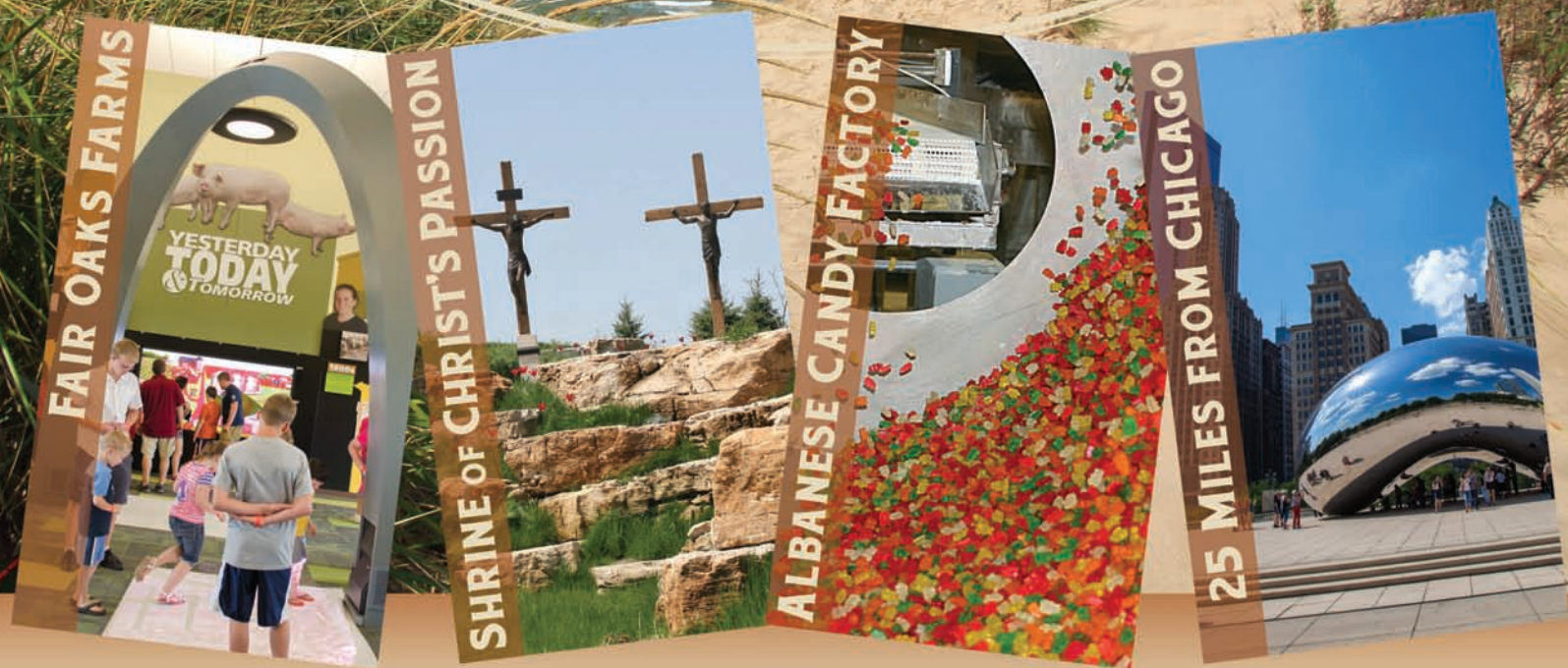
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Amish Acres Restaurant Barn, Nappanee  
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### INDIANA HAS AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

for Hoosier Hospitality, and it's one of the virtues the people of our state hold most dear. That genuine personality translates into authentic experiences for visitors to our state.

Indiana's natural attractions and rural communities offer travelers a refreshing sense of renewal. Relax on the beaches of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Hike scenic trails to discover wooded gorges, rock cliffs and plunging waterfalls at one of the many Indiana state parks. Enjoy rolling hills on the Ohio River Scenic Byway or return to simpler times in Amish Country. Stop at one of Indiana's wineries, farmers markets or creameries to experience the fantastic tastes of small-town Indiana. Our cities offer world-class museums, performing arts and sporting events. That's Honest-to-Goodness Indiana.

There are many resources Indiana offers group tours. As the state's official tourism agency, we can help you build a memorable trip. Whether it is vineyards, breweries and distilleries, shopping, hiking, heritage or historical sites that you seek, start your planning at [VisitIndiana.com](http://VisitIndiana.com).

I hope you will consider Indiana as the place for your next trip so we can share a little Hoosier Hospitality with you.

**Mark Newman**  
Executive Director  
Visit Indiana





# HONEST-to-GOODNESS INDIANA

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## Indiana Facts

### Population:

**Statewide:** 6.597 million  
**Indianapolis:** 852,866 (also the state capital)  
**Fort Wayne:** 256,496  
**Evansville:** 120,310  
**South Bend:** 100,886  
**Carmel:** 85,927  
**Hammond:** 78,967

### Getting Here by Air

**Indianapolis International Airport (IND):**  
 Served by Air Canada, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, OneJet, United, Vacation Express

**South Bend Regional Airport (SBN):**

Served by Allegiant, Delta, United

**Evansville Regional Airport (EVV):**

Served by Allegiant, American, Delta, United

### Getting Here by Rail

Amtrak stations in Connersville (COI), Crawfordsville (CRF), Dyer (DYE), Elkhart (EKH), Evansville- Bus Station (EVN), Hammond-Whiting (HMI), Indianapolis (IND), Lafayette (LAF), Michigan City (MCI), Rensselaer (REN), South Bend (SOB), Waterloo (WTI)

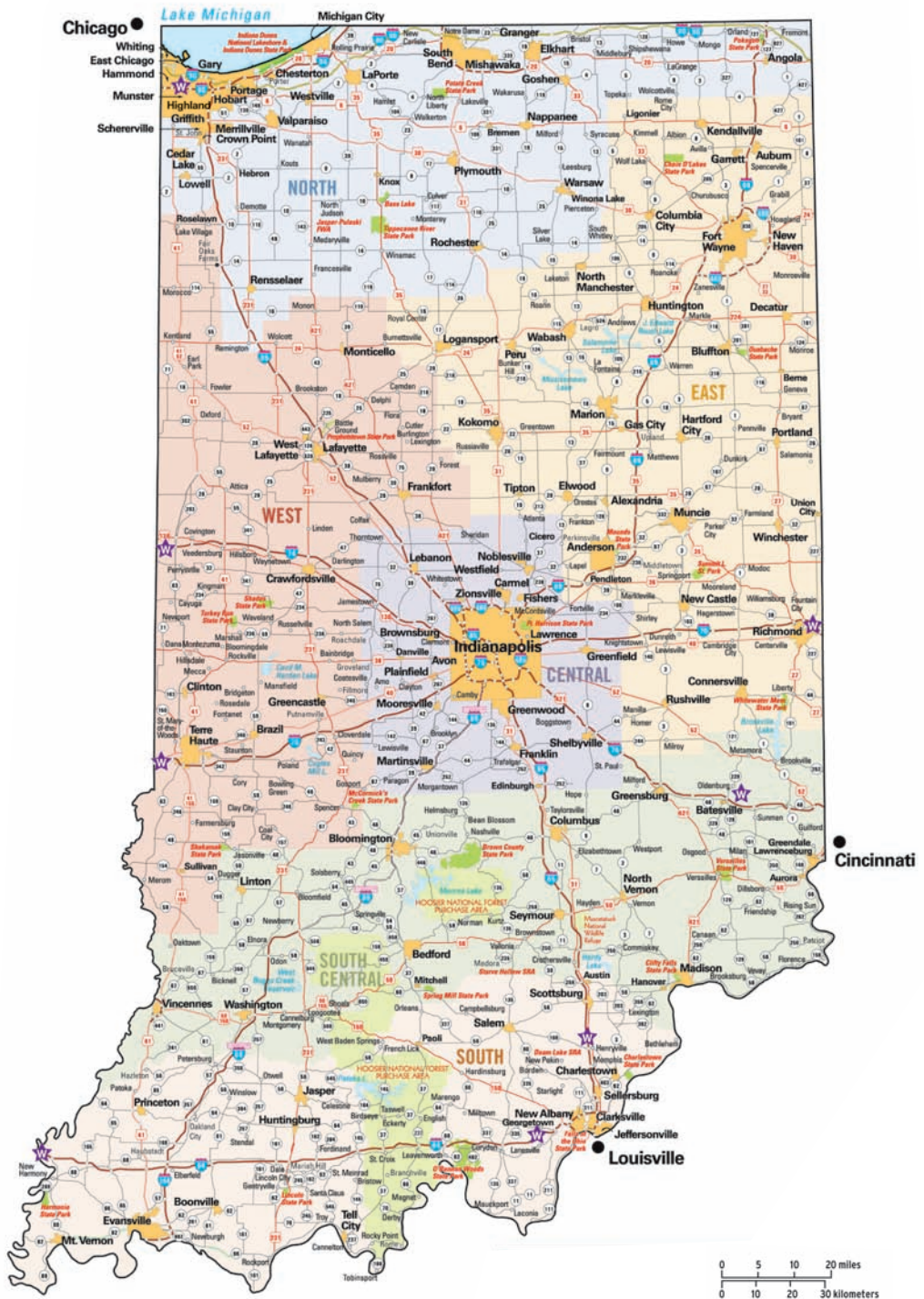
### Average Temperatures by Season:

**North** – Spring 71, Summer 81, Fall 63, Winter 31

**Central** – Spring 73 Summer 84, Fall 65, Winter 36

**South** – Spring 77, Summer 88, Fall 70, Winter 41

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### SYMBOL KEY

**ROADS** Interstate U.S. Highway State Highway  
**POINTS OF INTEREST** Welcome Center Urban Area  
 Lake or Reservoir State Park National Forest



# Architecture & Art In The Heart of the Midwest

**Historic buildings,  
expansive museums and  
friendly Hoosier artists  
welcome groups to Indiana.**

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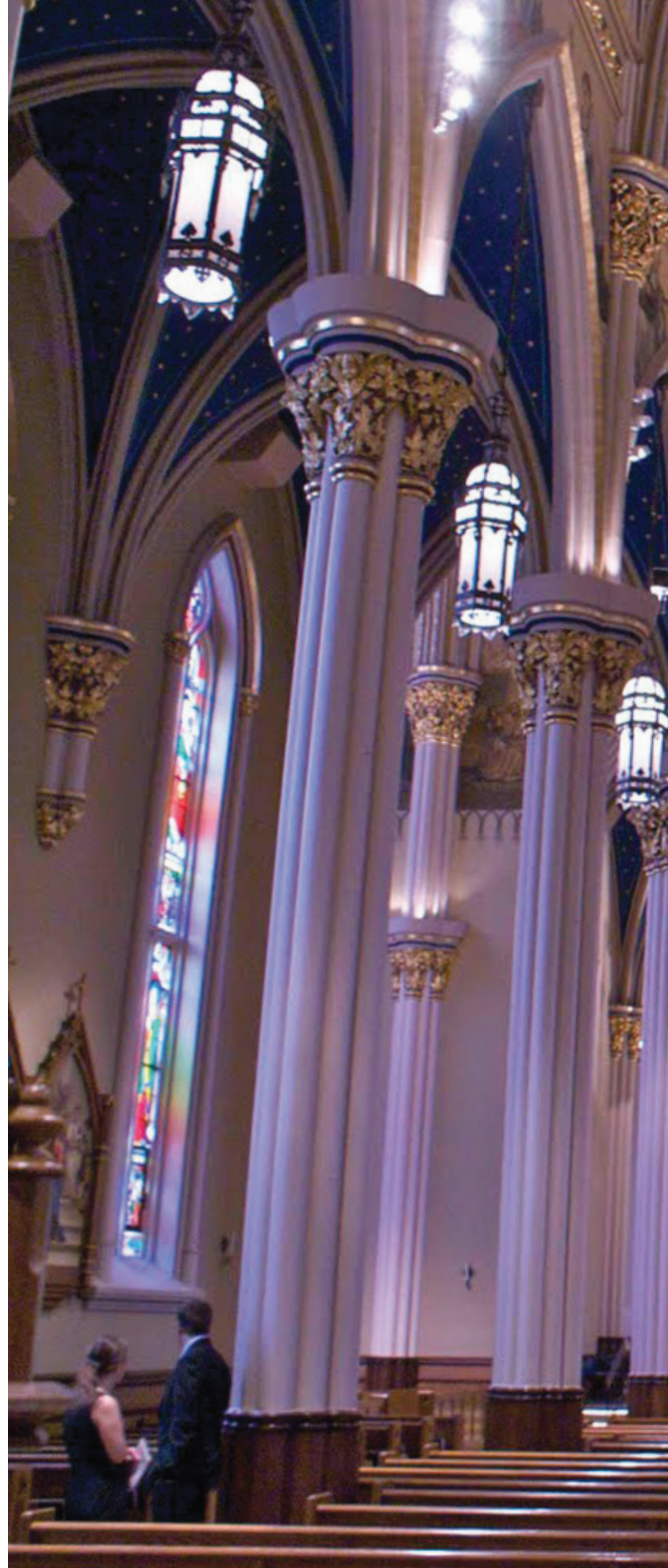
nown as the  
“**CROSSROADS OF  
AMERICA,**” Indiana has  
developed an artistic and  
architectural sensibility  
formed by travelers from  
all corners of the nation.

Historic structures include **Greek Revival** civic centers, rustic pioneer homesteads and **Gilded Era** mansions, while buildings by famed architects **Frank Lloyd Wright and I.M. Pei** are open for public tours. Museums across the state display everything from **European Impressionist** masters to **African folk art**, and local galleries see contemporary artists practicing their craft. **Hoosier craftsmen** often invite visitors to watch as they work, and classes are available to nurture the budding artist in every group.

## **DUTCH COUNTRY MARKET QUILT GARDEN**

*This exquisite specimen of floral art is part  
of Amish Country's Quilt Gardens project.*

Elkhart County, IN CVB







## NOTRE DAME

*The Basilica of the Sacred Heart highlights tours of this famous university in South Bend.*  
University of Notre Dame

### Architecture: College Campuses and Modernist Wonders

Architecture tours allow groups to absorb the local color of a city and interact with passionate guides, and every region of the state features buildings with history in every corner. Most notable is **Columbus**, a city of 45,000 with sculptures and public buildings that draw international visitors. Many of the city's structures are exemplars of mid-century modernist design, which empha-

sized open floor plans and flat planes to define American style during the Space Age. The mid-century modernist buildings of the city center come from the vision of J. Irwin Miller, the late chairman of Columbus-based Cummins Engine Co. To attract design talent, the Cummins Foundation in 1957 started paying the fees for architects with worthy school designs. Firms soon began to lobby for a

contribution, and now many of the city's modernist buildings are National Historic Landmarks. Represented are notable architects I.M. Pei, Harry Weese and Kevin Roche, and contemporary designers continue to flock to the area. One- or two-hour architecture bus tours, with step-on guide, leave from the Columbus Visitors Center and include an orientation video. Another bus tour goes to the



## THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION

Forty life-size bronze statues depict New Testament scenes along a beautifully landscaped trail.

South Shore CVA



**Miller House and Garden**, the 1953 home of J. Irwin Miller. Designed by Eero Saarinen, it is a National Historic Landmark and one of the most highly regarded mid-century modernist homes in the U.S. Walking architecture tours of Columbus also are available.

Groups interested in other modernist homes should travel north to West Lafayette, home to Frank Lloyd Wright's **Samara**. Considered an exceptional example of the Usonian movement, the house was designed for maximum efficiency and features the clean lines and balance found in East Asian interior design. The home was designed for Purdue University professor John Christian and his wife Kay, who wanted space to entertain faculty and welcome students for lectures. The design bears this out; the lounge integrates steps, benches and compact chairs to easily fit 50 people in a space no larger than a typical American living room. The entire house was designed around the number four, with everything from windows to the showers forming perfect squares, and the adjoining Japanese garden continues the theme of harmony to the outside space. House and garden tours are available upon request, and groups can also learn more

about Dr. Christian, who pioneered the field of bionucleonics.

For one of the country's best examples of modern greenhouse design, your group will travel farther east to Fort Wayne. Creating a modern space while integrating design cues from turn-of-the-20th-century gardens, the **Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory** is found in the heart of downtown. The conservatory features a 25,000-square-foot seasonal showcase garden and themed desert and oasis areas that together house over 500 species of plants and cacti.

Further architectural inspiration can be found on many of Indiana's university campuses. South Bend's **University of Notre Dame** is home to acres of Gothic structures, with the iconic "Golden Dome" administration building and Washington Hall open for tours during campus hours. The tallest university chapel in America, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart is sure to impress with its compelling international design details. The stained-glass windows were imported from northern France, the ceiling frescoes created by a Vatican painter and the stone statue of Jesus and Mary was sculpted by noted Croatian artist Ivan Mestrovic.

## MILLER HOUSE AND GARDEN TOURS

The Columbus home of J. Irwin Miller captures the essence of mid-century modernist design.

Columbus Visitors Center







## THEATRE AT THE CENTER

*The works of local artists are on display in the lobby of this group favorite in Munster.*

Theatre at the Center



## Museums with Local and International Flair

The state has a proud arts pedigree, having produced notable figures such as William Merritt Chase, William Forsyth and Edith Pfau. Along with this home-grown talent, Indiana's many world-class art museums display works by American and international artists in compelling gallery spaces. The **Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA)** features the largest collection in the state, with works by Claude Monet, Paul Gauguin and Vincent van Gogh. Large spaces for African, Asian and Mediterranean art are open for docent-led tours, while revolving exhibits showcase new works from international artists. The outside garden space aims to emulate the German idea of "gesamtkunstwerk," or integrating art, environment and viewers. Over 100 acres of walking trails take visitors past amphitheaters, fountains and interactive sculptures. The grounds' most famous piece is the "LOVE" structure, designed by famed Hoosier artist Robert Indiana. Behind the museum is an 18-hole miniature golf course that celebrates the state's 2016 bicentennial; holes range in design from Kurt Vonnegut's writing desk to an IndyCar racetrack. Other notable Indianapolis art repositories

include the **Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art**, which focuses on pioneer painters and contemporary Native American artists, and the **Indiana State Museum**, which boasts tactile exhibits for younger groups and rotating art displays for older ones. Both museums are located along the Indiana Central Canal, which flows by murals and sculptures perfect for outdoor viewing.

The IMA is only one of many exceptional art museums in the state. The **Indiana University Art Museum** in Bloomington has three floors and thousands of pieces from around the world. South Pacific tribal carvings, Native American jewelry and Renaissance portraits are on display, and works by developing IU artists are rotated throughout the expansive gallery space. Docents and professors illuminate groups on everything from Greek pottery to modern African folk art, and sculptures found throughout the university campus make for an incredible walk in warmer months. Founded by Civil War veteran Sheldon Swope, the **Swope Art Museum** in Terre Haute has one of the foremost collections in the country, with works by

American painters Edward Hopper and Grant Wood. Programs encourage modern talent by local and national artists, and groups can walk through galleries of Andy Warhol prints and Alexander Calder mobiles as well as see Indiana artists at work.

An immense glass structure along the Ohio River, the **Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science** explores the many cultural contributions of Southern Indiana. Exhibits include Rivertown, which recreates 19th century Evansville with period-accurate architecture, and the Arms for Victory Gallery, which recalls Evansville's role as the largest inland shipbuilder during World War II. Other galleries contain regional art and hands-on science exhibits for school groups. The Koch Immersive Theater has planetarium shows and full-dome projection movies using the latest digital technology, a surround-sound speaker system and stadium seating. Next to the main building is the Evansville Museum Transportation Center, with trains, cars and buggies from past eras.



## Arts Districts to Explore

Want to meet the artists themselves? Workshops throughout the state are filled with welcoming Hoosier artists eager to share their craft. A refuge to painters for over a century, the **Brown County Art Colony** in Nashville still produces nationally renowned artists. Painters began to converge in the area around the turn of the 20th century and dubbed it the "Beautiful Valley" for its gorgeous forests and streams ideal for landscape depictions. The town's most famous resident was T.C. Steele, a key member of the Hoosier Group of painters. His Midwestern landscapes are considered innovative approaches to depicting light and texture, and he became one of America's most famous artists in the first decades of the 20th century. The combination of Steele's fame and the construction of a local inn and more studios quickly made Nashville the arts destination it remains to this day.

Groups can pass through the studios to see the craftspeople at work and explore the same nature trails as those pioneering painters. Also open is the **T.C. Steele State Historic Site**, where visitors can walk through the artist's own studio, see over 50 Hoosier Group

paintings and walk the grounds that inspired much of Steele's own work.

**The Colony** offers classes led by resident artists themselves, so your group can learn the basics of sewing or watercolors in welcoming workshops. The area is particularly popular in the fall, when the autumn colors make for beautiful backdrops to the many antique stores and galleries, and the county's biking and hiking trails are recognized as some of the best in the country.

Farther south, the **Zimmerman Art Glass Factory** in Corydon is a popular group stop that has recently expanded into a larger location. From bleacher seats, visitors can witness the glassblowing process up close and see molten material take shape by the hearth. Run by the same family for four generations, the workshop is an excellent introduction to glassblowing for all ages, and the accompanying shop sells, vases, candle holders, paperweights and more. **Opalescent Glass Factory** in Kokomo is the oldest continually operating glass factory in the country and open for weekday tours. Sheet glass is still created as it was at the turn of the 20th century, and visitors can leave with a souvenir panel or bowl.

Members in your group may be tempted to create some art themselves, and art districts throughout the state are populated with craftspeople eager to teach everything from pottery to painting. West of Indianapolis, the **Gallery on the Square** in Danville is a co-op space that's home to over a dozen artists. A rotating schedule of artists is available to teach bus tour groups a specific skill, such as purse- or jewelry-making, and the local Hendricks County bureau can package these workshops with a meal on the city square. In Hamilton County north of Indianapolis is the **Carmel Arts & Design District**. Comprising 15 galleries and many public displays, the district is integrated into downtown Carmel and makes for an excellent afternoon of browsing or workshoping. Several of the resident artists teach painting and mosaic basics to traveling tour groups, and frequent gallery walks allow you to talk at length with art proprietors with accompanying jazz performances. Voted one of the hippest neighborhoods in the Midwest, **Fountain Square** in Indianapolis is a great place to see the work of up-and-coming artists. Virginia Avenue is lined with galleries and studio space bursting with young talent, and your group can learn the fundamentals of pottery at the hands-on **Fountain Square Clay Center**.

## Northern Indiana Arts Trails

An emerging approach to state touring, arts trails allow groups to pass through several cities and experience local artwork on a predetermined route. The Northern Indiana Tourism Development Commission has created several of these tours to highlight the region's Amish and bohemian heritage. Each of the **Art & Earth Trail's** seven legs winds through a Northern Indiana county, featuring stops at local artist workshops, historic sites and restaurants.

The **Shipshewana Trail**, which passes through the rural communities of LaGrange County, highlights various Amish homesteads. Your group can stop by local stores and purchase hand-made furniture and quilts while passing through the production areas that still

### FOUNTAIN SQUARE

*Indianapolis' hip Fountain Square neighborhood abounds with galleries showcasing young talent.*

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use 19th century technology. The county's **Galarina Folk Arts** sells oil paintings by Will Moses (the great-grandson of acclaimed folk artist Grandma Moses), while the **Shipshewana Flea Market** features over 900 vendors. The largest flea market in the Midwest is a boon for antique hounds and art collectors, as they'll find glassware, baskets and other crafts created by local Hoosiers. Farther west, the **Lakes Trail** brings visitors to the welcoming waterside communities in Kosciusko County. Stop by **Warsaw Cut Glass Company Inc.**, in business for over a century and still using the same 1911 vintage machinery and workspace, and the **Water Lily Art Gallery**, which produces beautiful landscape paintings of nearby Lake Wawasee. Winona Lake is surrounded by quaint shops and eateries, including the Asian and Mediterranean offerings at Cerulean Restaurant and the gourmet coffee at Light Rail Cafe & Roaster. The **Hallmark Ornament Museum** east of the lake displays over 4,000 Hallmark Keepsake ornaments, including many that weren't officially produced. Visitors can see Halloween, Easter and Christmas ornaments dating back to 1973, and you can purchase a rare back issue keepsake for family or friends back home.

Farther west in Munster is the **Theatre at the Center**, which welcomes large groups to its year-round slate of performances. Local actors present classic Broadway musicals and children's shows on an innovative circle stage, and artwork by local artists is displayed and available for purchase in the lobby.

With a half-mile winding prayer trail that follows the last days of Jesus' life, **The Shrine of Christ's Passion** in St. John is a must-see for groups interested in sculpture and religious art. Forty life-sized bronze statues depict famous New

Testament scenes such as the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden and the Crucifixion. Narration is provided by iconic Chicago broadcaster Bill Kurtis, and the tranquility encourages visitors to explore at a thoughtful pace.

One of Indiana's most famed arts showcases is the nearly 20 **Quilt Gardens** that dot Elkhart County from May until October. This ambitious project covers over 23,000 square feet of soil and includes an estimated 150,000 annuals to create gardens with patchwork patterns. Spearheaded by the Northern Indiana Tourism Development Commission, the project is now in its 10th year and is complemented by over 20 hand-painted quilt murals. Considered the "RV Capital of the World," Elkhart is also home to several notable museums and gardens. The RV/MH Hall of Fame covers over 100 years of mobile home history with antique Winnebagos and Airstreams, and the Ruthmere Mansion is a masterpiece in the Beaux Arts style. Visitors can wander through the gardens and social spaces once used by businessman Albert Beardsley and his wife Elizabeth, a notable women's rights activist.

Next door in LaGrange County you will find the **Barn Quilt Trail**. Tour groups can view over 37 hand-painted murals, each one telling a unique story throughout six local communities. Colorful quilt-pattern murals adorn historic barns, homesteads and public spaces, celebrating the history of agriculture, the time-honored tradition of quilting and the community's passion for art.

No matter if your group has an hour to dedicate to arts and architecture or an entire trip, Indiana has an abundance of opportunities. From peerless painting collections to regional historic tours, the state offers an exciting artistic option that will satisfy your group. **[IN]**

## EITELJORG MUSEUM

*Western and Native American art take center stage at this Indianapolis treasure house.*

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## RESOURCES

- COLUMBUS, INDIANA CVB**  
(812) 378-2622, [Columbus.IN.US](http://Columbus.IN.US)
- SAMARA**  
(765) 409-5522, [Samara-House.org](http://Samara-House.org)
- FOELLINGER-FREIMANN BOTANICAL CONSERVATORY**  
(260) 427-6440, [BotanicalConservatory.org](http://BotanicalConservatory.org)
- UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**  
(574) 631-7505, [ND.edu](http://ND.edu)
- INDIANAPOLIS MUSEUM OF ART**  
(317) 923-1331, [IMAMuseum.org](http://IMAMuseum.org)
- EITELJORG MUSEUM OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND WESTERN ART**  
(317) 636-9378, [Eiteljorg.org](http://Eiteljorg.org)
- INDIANA STATE MUSEUM**  
(317) 232-1637, [IndianaMuseum.org](http://IndianaMuseum.org)
- INDIANA UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM**  
(812) 855-5445, [ArtMuseum.Indiana.edu](http://ArtMuseum.Indiana.edu)
- SWOPE ART MUSEUM**  
(812) 238-1676, [Swope.org](http://Swope.org)
- EVANSVILLE MUSEUM OF ARTS, HISTORY AND SCIENCE**  
(812) 425-2406, [EvansvilleMuseum.org](http://EvansvilleMuseum.org)
- BROWN COUNTY INDIANA CVB**  
(812) 988-7303, [BrownCounty.com](http://BrownCounty.com)
- ZIMMERMAN ART GLASS FACTORY**  
[ThisIsIndiana.org/Venue/Zimmerman-Art-Glass-Factory](http://ThisIsIndiana.org/Venue/Zimmerman-Art-Glass-Factory)  
(812) 738-2206
- GALLERY ON THE SQUARE**  
(317) 386-3111, [HendricksCountyArts.org](http://HendricksCountyArts.org)
- CARMEL ARTS & DESIGN DISTRICT**  
(317) 571-2787, [CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://CarmelArtsAndDesign.com)
- FOUNTAIN SQUARE**  
[DiscoverFountainSquare.com](http://DiscoverFountainSquare.com)
- FOUNTAIN SQUARE CLAY CENTER**  
(317) 985-1212, [FountainSquareClayCenter.com](http://FountainSquareClayCenter.com)
- ART & EARTH TRAIL**  
(574) 862-1434, [ArtAndEarthTrail.com](http://ArtAndEarthTrail.com)
- THEATRE AT THE CENTER**  
(219) 836-3255, [TheatreAtTheCenter.org](http://TheatreAtTheCenter.org)
- THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION**  
(219) 365-6010, [ShrineOfChristsPassion.org](http://ShrineOfChristsPassion.org)
- ELKHART COUNTY CVB**  
(574) 262-8161, [AmishCountry.org](http://AmishCountry.org)
- LAGRANGE COUNTY CVB**  
(800) 254-8090, [VisitShipshewana.com](http://VisitShipshewana.com)



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## AMISH HAYWAGON

Northern Indiana's Amish Country provides a look into a simple lifestyle that shuns modern conveniences.



## 1 Day One

**AFTERNOON** – Today, your group ventures into the third-largest Amish area in the United States. The first stop is the **Shipshewana Flea Market**, the largest outdoor market in the Midwest and home to more than 1,000 vendors. After the Flea Market, you have a chance to stroll through the charming shops in the center of Shipshewana or visit **Menno-Hof** to buy locally crafted goods and learn the story of the Anabaptist movement.

**EVENING** – After checking in to your local hotel, visit an Amish home for a behind-the-scenes look at an authentic Amish wedding. While discussing wedding traditions and customs makes an interesting conversation, the authentic Wedding Feast is the real highlight.



QUILT GARDEN

## 2 Day Two

**MORNING** – This day is an **Amish Country Brown Bag Tour**. Each member of your group will receive an empty brown bag that will be filled with a special goody at each shop and attraction visited along the way.

**AFTERNOON** – Today also features a customized quilt program and trunk show in **Nappanee**. You will see quite an impressive display of quilts and fabrics before sitting with a noted quilt designer who will share secrets and techniques about patterns and reveal how inspiration is found in the simple designs of Amish quilts.


A stop is made at the **Elkhart County Historical Museum**, where there is an exceptional quilt display. You will see, handle and hear the stories behind many of the rare quilts in their collection.

**EVENING** – The day ends with you enjoying an **Amish Farm Cooking Class**. Learn how to prepare a plain or fancy family-style meal in the kitchen on an Amish family farm before pulling up your chair for dinner.

### RESOURCES

 **VISIT SHIPSHEWANA**  
800-254-8090 • [VisitShipshewana.org](http://VisitShipshewana.org)

 **NORTHERN INDIANA AMISH COUNTRY (ELKHART COUNTY CVB)**  
800-262-8161 • [AmishCountry.org](http://AmishCountry.org)

 **VISIT SOUTH BEND MISHAWAKA**  
800-519-0577 • [VisitSouthBend.com](http://VisitSouthBend.com)



### 3 Day Three

**MORNING** – Start the day at the renowned University of Notre Dame in South Bend. It may be known for the Fighting Irish, but there's so much more to do when you pay a visit. Take a walking tour of the campus with its incredible architecture, visit the **Basilica of the Sacred Heart** and light a candle at the **Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes**.

**AFTERNOON** – Pioneer roots run deep in South Bend, and you can discover it in the city's downtown museum district, which explores covered wagon days through enterprises that created millionaires. The **History Museum** chronicles the development of the St. Joseph River Valley through a tour of **Copshaholm**, a 38-room mansion built by local industrialist Joseph Oliver. Time permitting, visit the spectacular collection of vintage automobiles and presidential carriages at the adjacent **National Studebaker Museum** and learn the history of this automaker that once called South Bend home.

**EVENING** – This evening, enjoy dinner and a show at one of three area venues known for quality theater and outstanding food. The **Round Barn Theatre at Amish Acres** features top-notch Broadway musicals. It was created from a 1911 round barn that was dismantled and resurrected at this historic farmstead. The **Blue Gate Theater** is developing a reputation for producing original Amish-inspired, family-friendly theatrical productions, while the **Das Dutchman Essenhaus Heritage Hall** is the newest venue in town, presenting wholesome family entertainment.

### 4 Day 4

**MORNING** – Check out of your hotel this morning and, after breakfast, get a small dose of the modern world again with a tour of a recreational vehicle factory. Four out of five American RVs are made in Northern Indiana, so this is definitely the RV Capital of the World. This message is brought home on a self-guided tour of the **RV Hall of Fame and Museum**, which features a fine collection of vintage RVs, including Mae West's. There's also a rotating display of the latest models from manufacturers like Jayco and Nexus.

**AFTERNOON** – Later today, you'll visit **Anderson's Vineyard & Winery**. Winner of local and national winemaking competitions, this family-owned vineyard offers tastings of more than 20 different wines. They have grown fruit in Valparaiso since 1927 but did not establish the winery until 1994. Be sure to stop at the gift shop for baked goods, locally made jams and jellies, crafts, and beer- and winemaking supplies.

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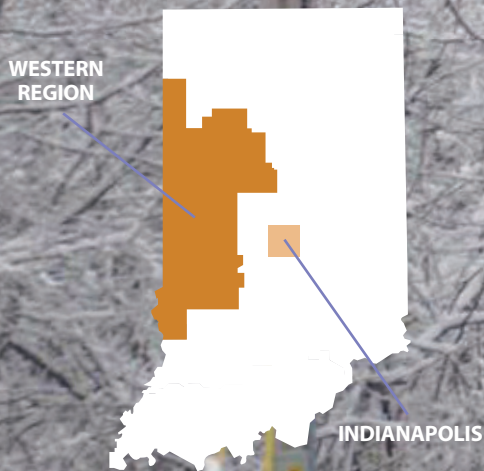
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# Western Indiana's Covered Bridge Country



## JACKSON BRIDGE

Built during the Civil War, this bridge was used for local mill owners to cross Sugar Creek.

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## 1 Day One

**AFTERNOON** – While on your Selfie Photo Tour of Western Indiana, you will discover a charming setting that is home to 31 covered bridges, each with its own unique past and history. Your afternoon features a narrated covered bridge driving tour that explains how these have survived until today.

The tour is filled with forgotten historical sites such as **Bridgeton Mill**, the oldest operating mill west of the Alleghenies. Here, massive stones still grind wheat into flour and corn into meal. Overlooking Big Raccoon Creek, the **Mansfield Roller Mill** has been grinding with water power since the 1820s.

The real covered bridge enthusiasts and those who have been charmed by the tour will love the **Covered Bridge Art Gallery** in

downtown Rockville. A historic structure in its own right (built in 1877), the gallery houses works by approximately 30 local artists.

**EVENING** – Your evening features a nice local meal before the **Outdoor Sculpture-Super Selfie Tour**. Terre Haute is a city proud of its public art with 18 unique public sculptures, including one of NBA legend and Indiana State University graduate Larry Bird. You may want a selfie standing beneath *The Chorus of Trumpets*, *The Flame of the Millennium* or *The Spirit of Space*. Filling parks and public spaces, these artworks are waiting to frame your face.

Your tour includes a free **PhotoVision App** for all of your customers. The photos they snap are saved by the App and PhotoVision will produce a unique video for each traveler.



## 2 Day Two

**MORNING** – This morning you visit the **Clabber Girl Museum**. You'll be transported back in time with their antique household items and kitchen appliances. There are vintage toys, a Clabber Girl delivery wagon, an antique racecar from Indianapolis and a number of exhibits on Hulman & Co. products and brands like Clabber Girl. Other options would include **Candles Holocaust Museum & Education Center** or **Saint Mary-of-the-Woods**, a college and spirituality center that was once home to saint and education advocate Théodore Guérin.

In nearby Dana you will visit the **Ernie Pyle State Historic Site**. The site features Ernie Pyle's birthplace and a museum

highlighting the famous journalist's life and writings as a correspondent during World War II.

**AFTERNOON** – Enjoy lunch at the **Beef House Restaurant** in Covington, which serves only the finest beef cooked over hardwood briquettes on an open-hearth charcoal broiler.

Later this afternoon you step out on downtown Danville's **Courthouse Square** with a number of options all within walking distance. You can tour an 1886 sheriff's residence and former county jail at the **Hendricks County Historical Museum** or enjoy a custom workshop at **Frazer Gardens** by landscape and greenhouse experts. You could schedule a guided tour of **Beasley's Orchard**, peek behind the scenes and shop the farmer's market in their Civil War-era barn.

**EVENING** – This is "dinner and a movie in small-town America" night. First, you dine at the **Mayberry Cafe**, a friendly family restaurant with home-cooked food just like Aunt Bee put on the table for Andy and Opie. It's comfort food in a nostalgic atmosphere; the décor reminds you of the 1950s and '60s, and you'll catch yourself looking every time the door opens to see if it might be Andy or Barney stopping for dinner.

Next, you enjoy a private movie showing at the **Historic Royal Theatre**. They have been showing films here since 1914 and use the latest technology to provide you a quality experience with a retro film - ask for a list of choices. Movie night comes with a bottomless bag of fresh popcorn

### BEASLEY'S ORCHARD

*This family-owned farm welcomes visitors year-round with baked goods and apple cider pressed on-site.*

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### 3 Day Three

**MORNING** – This morning begins with a tour of the **Purdue University** campus. It was founded in 1869 after a donation of land and money from Lafayette businessman John Purdue. He wished to establish a college of science, technology and agriculture in his name. The student enrollment is currently over 39,000. West Lafayette is a historian's dream, with beautiful turn-of-the-20th-century architecture.


**AFTERNOON** – Enjoy your afternoon with a leisurely tour of downtown Lafayette, home to the **Arts & Market Downtown District**. Galleries from a burgeoning art scene and friendly cafes surround the Tippecanoe County Courthouse. For a snack before dinner, the **Lafayette Farmers Market** is open three times a week and welcomes vendors from across the region.

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### Bridges to the Past

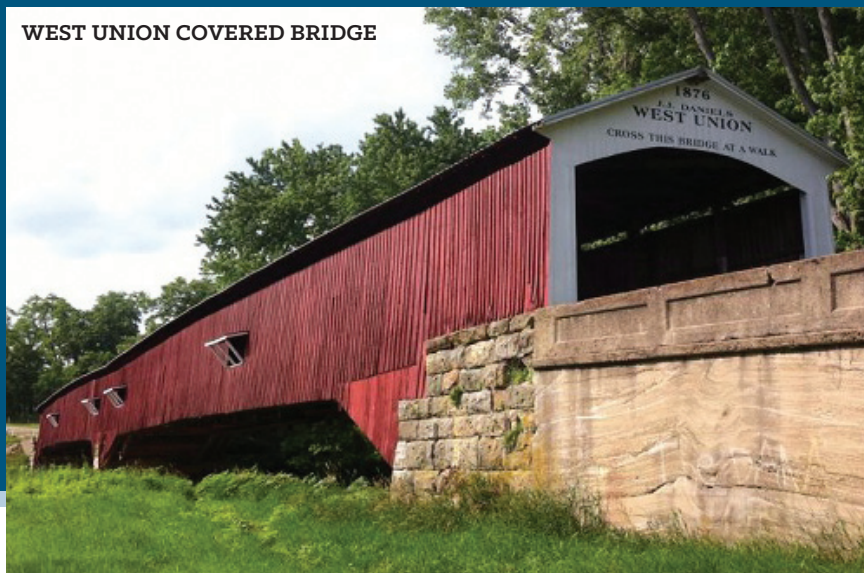
**W**ith 31 rustic bridges spanning creeks in little communities throughout the pretty countryside, Parke County lays claim to being the Covered Bridge Capital of the World. Located in Western Indiana, 55 miles west of Indianapolis and 165 miles south of Chicago, the county offers five color-coded touring routes ranging from 24 to 33 miles. Each route has four to six covered bridges, some of them dating back to the mid-1800s.

The Parke County Covered Bridge Festival (October 13-22, 2017) is Indiana's largest festival and one of the Midwest's top fall events. The annual celebration is centered on the Rockville Courthouse Square, which turns into a marketplace for arts and crafts and food vendors. The brick-lined streets of downtown Rockville abound with specialty shops, including a new antique mall.

Throughout the festival, nearby towns like Bridgeton, Mansfield and Montezuma beckon travelers with vendors, community-wide yard sales and history tours. Noteworthy bridges across Big Raccoon Creek include the one in Bridgeton, a town famed for its waterfall and working 1823 gristmill that offers freshly made flour and cornmeal for sale. The majestic 1867 Mansfield Covered Bridge is the site of the historic Mansfield Roller Mill.

**For information, contact the Parke County Convention and Visitors Commission, 765-569-5226, covered-bridges.com**

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## INDIANA'S

# SWEET TOOTH



Much like kids in a candy store, group travelers in Indiana are confronted with countless sugary choices, from irresistible bakeries and ice cream parlors to diners, chocolate shops and popcorn palaces. Finding the dessert of your dreams is as easy as pie.

**O**n Spring Street, just a few blocks from the Ohio River, the aroma of cinnamon candy bubbling in an antique copper kettle wafts onto the sidewalk, luring passers-by into **Schimpff's Confectionery**. As a ploy to hook potential customers, the fifth-generation family business in Jeffersonville, Indiana even has a pipe that blows out the tantalizing smell from its storefront kitchen to the street. Warren and Jill Schimpff call it olfactory advertising.

The old-time candy store and museum, a Jeffersonville fixture since 1891, is just one of many tempting stops that can sweeten an Indiana itinerary. From the shores of Lake Michigan to the Ohio River Valley, the

state has dozens of answers to that all-important question: "What's for dessert?"

Groups that drop by Schimpff's get a free demonstration of how the store's signature cinnamon red hots are made, starting with a boiling concoction of sugar, corn syrup, red coloring and precious cinnamon oil (at \$50 a bottle). Then the molten mass is poured onto a metal table before the pieces are formed by a molding machine and dusted with sugar granules. Everyone in the audience gets a warm sample.

Schimpff's also is known for its "fish" hard candy (flavors like butter rum, clove and spearmint), horehound drops and a whole range of chocolates,



including bourbon balls, “turtles” and the hand-dipped Modjeska, a caramel-covered marshmallow treat named after a Polish-born actress. The vintage store, with an original tin ceiling and old-fashioned soda fountain, claims to have the country’s largest collection of candy industry memorabilia on public display, with some items in its back-room museum dating to the 1860s. Schimpff’s also serves lunch and has plans to double the seating area.

For nostalgia in downtown Columbus, a must-stop is **Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor and Museum**, a beautifully restored relic of yesteryear. “Serving sodas, sundaes and smiles for over a century,” this local institution is the place to have a Green River soda made with syrup and carbonated water dispensed from one of the two elaborate Mexican onyx soda fountains purchased by the Zaharakos family from the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair. The exquisite 1911 double backbar, with its mahogany, mirrors, marble and stained glass, sets the scene, as do the long onyx counter, 1905 Tiffany-style lamp and melodious sounds emanating from the 184 pipes of the 1908 Welte Orchestrion, a self-playing organ. The maple floor, oak cabinets and tin ceiling are original, too.

Columbus businessman Tony Moravec



South Shore CVA

stepped in to save the aging landmark (founded as a candy store in 1900 by three brothers from Greece) after it closed in 2006 and today Zaharakos shines anew, gloriously reflecting an era when women’s skirts reached to the ground and men had handlebar moustaches. Groups can arrange a tour of the mechanical music instruments and the country’s largest collection of pre-1900 soda fountains on public display. They can have a meal or make-your-own sundae event in the museum area or upstairs in the skylit Green River Room. The premium ice cream is made fresh at Zaharakos, which also dishes up breakfast, lunch and dinner. (Did you know that Indiana is the second-

largest producer of ice cream in the nation, after California?).

For heavenly treats made of rich milk fresh from old Bessie, visit the Cowfé at Northwest Indiana’s group-friendly **Fair Oaks Farms**. The milkshakes and homemade ice cream—everyone talks about the butter pecan—seem to taste better than anywhere else. Another idea: Chocolate milk and a grilled cheese sandwich made from farm-fresh artisan cheese. Top off a hearty meal of fried chicken at The Farmhouse Restaurant with desserts like apple walnut cobbler, cookie dough pizza, or Belgian chocolate and raspberry bread pudding. Witnessing the birth of a calf in the Birthing Barn

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#### SCHIMPPF'S CONFECTIONERY

Warren Schimpff makes cinnamon red hots at Schimpff's Confectionery in Jeffersonville.



highlights a tour of this working dairy farm, the largest in the U.S.

At the **South Side Soda Shop & Diner** in Goshen, a college town in Northern Indiana Amish Country, enjoy sundaes and other fountain creations along with a big scoop of 1950s schmaltz. And don't forget the pies, from peanut butter crème and coconut crème to blueberry crisp and cherry red raspberry; the lemon meringue was featured on the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. A short drive down Main Street takes you to **Olympia Candy Kitchen**, the "Sweetest Little Place in Town Since 1912." At the small soda fountain, have a chocolate malt or Goshen College sundae (maple syrup, marshmallow, chopped nuts) or quench your thirst with a Green River, cherry phosphate or grape lemonade. The hand-dipped chocolates made from scratch, like turtles and chocolate-covered cherries, are what put the family-owned business, started by a Greek immigrant, on the map. Also in Amish Country, the **Wakarusa Dime Store**, a charming slice of the past in downtown Wakarusa, is known for its jumbo jelly beans, and you're free to sample the flavors, which range from cotton candy to root beer. Candies also include homemade chocolate and fudge, plus Turkish Taffy, Necco wafers, candy cigarettes and other favorites from way back when.

You can't go to Amish Country without digging into a family-style chicken dinner at a place like **Blue Gate Restaurant** in Shippshewana, **Amish Acres Restaurant Barn** in Nappanee or the huge **Das Dutchman Essenhaus** in Middlebury, the largest restaurant in Indiana (seating over 1,100). Your meal comes with a generous slice of pie, but the hard part is choosing from the more than two dozen varieties—German chocolate, Dutch apple, butterscotch, pecan, rhubarb.... the list goes on and on. These big, group-friendly restaurants have attached bakeries where you can buy some decadent desserts to bring home or eat on the bus.

Amish Country guests also can find delicious baked goods at little stores tucked down country lanes, but perhaps the best-known stand-alone bakery is **Rise 'N Roll Bakery & Deli** in Middlebury, famed for its cinnamon caramel donuts, cinnamon rolls, giant cookies and

cashew crunch candy. It's also a good place to pick up a jar of Amish peanut butter (sweetened with corn syrup and marshmallow creme), sometimes called church spread.

**Sugar Cream Pie** is the official state pie of Indiana. It can be found in restaurants and bakeries in Amish Country and all over the state. A simple mixture of cream, sugar, flour, cornstarch, vanilla and butter or shortening, the smooth velvety pie, pale yellow in color and usually sprinkled with nutmeg, is said to have originated in the kitchens of Amish and Shaker settlers in the 1800s. It's been called "desperation pie" because it could be made when fruits were unavailable and be whipped up quickly for unexpected guests. Also called Hoosier pie or "old-fashioned cream pie," this melt-in-your-mouth classic is likened to a chess or buttermilk pie. **Wick's Pies, Inc.** in Winchester makes more sugar cream pies than anyone—try a slice at Wick's restaurant in Winchester or check out the factory outlet store. You'll also find Wick's pies in grocery stores and restaurants around the state. Among other places to try sugar cream pie—The Falls Restaurant at Clifty Inn in Clifty Falls State Park in Madison, Nashville General Store & Bakery, Ahlemeyer Farms Old Tyme Bakery in Columbus and Lisa's Pie Shop in Atlanta. A fun note on Lisa's: Her famous Pie in a Jar makes it easy to grab some varieties for the road, crust and all.

For donuts, look no further than **Titus Bakery**, which has locations in Lebanon and Westfield. They're best known for the Pershing, a yeast doughnut with swirled cinnamon dough and maple icing. The maple-bacon doughnut is topped with two full strips of bacon. Lovers of quality baked items also gravitate to **Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery** in Danville. Owned and operated by three generations of Indiana women, this community favorite is based out of a 100-year-old bungalow, with the living room serving as a dining area suitable for group lunches and breakfasts.

Anyone who has been down a supermarket's baking supplies aisle knows the iconic Clabber Girl brand of baking powder. If you're in Terre Haute, why not drop by the **Clabber Girl Bake Shop & Museum**, located in the historic Hulman Building. Groups can arrange a museum

## AMISH ACRES RESTAURANT BARN



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tour and combine it with lunch and a cooking demonstration in the Classroom Kitchen. The cafe menu includes house-made cookies, muffins, scones and Danishes. Tempting breakfast choices are the cinnamon roll and the biscuits and gravy with buttermilk biscuits. If the name Hulman looks familiar, it's the same family that owns the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and created the IndyCar Series. Hulman & Co. has manufactured Clabber Girl baking powder since 1899.

A luscious dessert is the perfect way to top off a meal at one of the much-talked-about restaurants in the Ohio River town of New Albany, which in recent years has become a big foodie destination. If you like bread pudding, try the peach and brandy variety at **The Exchange Pub + Kitchen** or the bourbon version at new sister restaurant **Brooklyn and the Butcher**; both occupy restored 1870s buildings. At **Tucker's American Favorites**, a steak and ribs restaurant, save room for The Cookie Experience, a giant, baked-to-order chocolate chunk cookie with a heaping scoop of vanilla bean ice cream, topped

with chocolate and caramel sauce.

**Rookies Cookies**, a bakery that opened in 1939, is famous for a small butter cookie with an icing center so soft that it melts in your mouth. Another sweet option in New Albany (and nearby Jeffersonville) is **The Comfy Cow**, which locals adore for its small-batch ice cream that's high in butterfat and made with superior ingredients. Popular flavors are bourbon ball, brown butter peanut brittle and salted caramel.

Soda pop connoisseurs who long for the good old days will be in dreamland at **Antiqology**, an antique store/ice cream parlor in Huntington that offers hundreds of vintage pop varieties from around the country and the world. The Midwest's largest selection of craft sodas includes hard-to-find brands of glass-bottled cream sodas, root beers, colas and fruit-based drinks. Try unusual flavors like lemon meringue, caramel apple and blueberry pomegranate.

Chocoholics will find many places in Indiana to satisfy their cravings. **DeBrand Chocolatier** in Fort Wayne, for example, produces some of the finest chocolate in

the country—intricately designed works of art crafted with top-quality, sometimes exotic, ingredients. The truffles are silky and rich, the fruit creams burst with intense flavors. They even make gourmet gelato. On guided tours that let you peek beyond the glass and into the kitchens, perhaps you'll see caramel pretzel bars being enrobed in chocolate or a stream of raspberry truffles on the conveyor; chocolate samples are part of the tour. Afterwards, guests can peruse the chocolate shop or relax over gelato, a sundae or fancy hot chocolate in the elegant, wood-paneled cafe. Boxes of DeBrand chocolates, distinguished by upscale packaging, are shipped all over the world.

The chocolate trail also goes through South Bend, home of the **South Bend Chocolate Company** as well as the University of Notre Dame. A factory tour includes the museum, which boasts one of the largest collections of chocolate memorabilia in the world. Check out the outlet store or the company's downtown cafe, billed as the "world's largest chocolate store." The University

## CLABBER GIRL

*Clabber Girl Bake Shop & Museum in Terre Haute offers cooking demonstrations for groups.*







**SANTA'S CANDY CASTLE:** Frozen hot chocolate

Collection has products bearing the Notre Dame logo. Pay tribute to legendary coach Knute Rockne by buying a box of Rocknes, a mound of premium American chocolate blended with coconut, almonds and a cherry flavoring.

Since 1966 **Donaldson's Finer Chocolates** in Lebanon has attracted connoisseurs with top-quality products made the old-fashioned way—with fresh creamery butter, rich whole milk, pure cane sugar, the best chocolate and lots of Hoosier pride. George and Peg Donaldson make seven different flavored truffles and eight different creams, but their top seller is the Pecan Carmel Delight (comparable to a turtle). At **Ghyslain Chocolatier** in Union City, basic tours focus on the production of not only gourmet chocolates but fine French pastries as well; see the delicate process of hand-painting chocolates in vivid colors. The "Make Your Own Chocolate" tour provides lessons on making an edible chocolate tulip cup that you fill with chocolate mousse, decorate and devour.

In Edinburgh, groups get in some tasting during the factory tour at **Not Just Popcorn**, which makes more than 240 popcorn flavors, including dill pickle and chocolate mint cappuccino. The retail store is next door. In Merrillville at **Chicagoland Popcorn**, the "Popcorn Flavor Superstore," the top seller is the Chicagoland Mix, a combination of cheese and caramel popcorn. New among the 125 flavors are Chicken Bacon Ranch and Jalapeno Spinach Dip. Across the road is the massive **Albanese Candy Factory**, a

colorful wonderland where free group tours show the "World's Best Gummies" and other treats being made right before your eyes, samples included.

For something a bit untraditional, make a trip to **Newfangled Confections** in Indianapolis and try the Frittle. As they say, "This ain't your grandma's brittle." Frittle combines the peanut-buttery sweetness of brittle with peanut fudge. The result is a "kinder, softer brittle" with a crispy-creamy texture and just a hint of salt.

Learn all about the world of honey on a tour at **Hunter's Honey Farm** in Martinsville, started by a family of beekeepers four generations ago. See bees making honey in a live observation hive and catch bottling and candle-dipping demonstrations. You can even bottle your own honey.

At the southern end of the state is **Santa's Candy Castle**, an enchanting store in the town of Santa Claus. Piped-in Christmas music, from "Jingle Bells" to "Come, All Ye Faithful," greets guests, who find freshly made fudge, blast-from-the-past candies, and entire sections devoted to Jelly Belly and Pez. Frozen hot chocolate, the shop's specialty, comes in 33 flavors, including salted caramel, gingerbread and roasted chestnut.

With all the yummy treats being turned out by factories and kitchens in towns big and small, every day can be a holiday on a tour through Indiana. Throw calories to the wind while indulging on the road—and, for icing on the cake, be sure to bring some goodies back home as sweet memories of your trip. [\[IN\]](#)



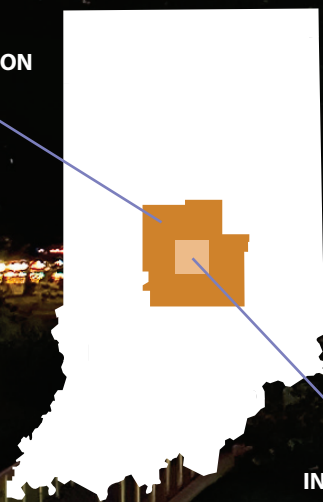
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You also tour the Speedway's grounds and facilities. Surrounding the oval track is the media center, Pagoda, victory platform, garage area and a Gasoline Alley suite. Your group will have a chance for selfies on the famous "**Yard of Bricks**" at the start/finish line.

**AFTERNOON** – Later in the day, thrill-seekers can buddy up and soar high above **Pioneer Park** at **Soaring Eagle Zip Line Ride**, a 600-foot, two-person seated adventure ride that more and more adult groups are including in their itineraries. Those in your group who don't ride will enjoy watching their friends.

**EVENING** – This evening, after checking into your hotel, dinner is at the **Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre**, which has entertained audiences for over 40 years. Amphitheater seating gives everyone a terrific seat. Enjoy a full dinner buffet while watching nationally renowned productions.



INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY MUSEUM

## 2 Day Two

**MORNING** – At the **Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site**, a trained docent guides you on a tour of the elegant home of Indiana's only U.S. president. The dining room features presidential china, and Harrison's study is filled with personal belongings from his White House years and his Oval Office desk.

**AFTERNOON** – Next is a visit to the **NCAA Hall of Champions**, which boasts two levels of interactive exhibits to create a true-to-life understanding of what it takes to make the grade. All 24 NCAA sports are represented and include a novice-to-historian trivia challenge, current team rankings, video highlights and artifacts donated from colleges around the nation.

**EVENING** – Next is a historic thrill, as you ride in an Italian gondola ride sailing under Venetian-style bridges. This is the **Indianapolis Canal Walk**, featuring waterside cafes and Midwestern hospitality reminiscent of both Venice and San Antonio. Segway tours are available to explore the nearby **Ransom Place** neighborhood.



BENJAMIN HARRISON PRESIDENTIAL SITE

## 3 Day Three

**MORNING** – The morning begins at the **Exit 76 Antique Mall**. There is nothing fancy about this place; it is just a great place to browse. Filled with unusual and hard-to-find items that make unique gifts, it features 600 booths and is full of everything from antiques and collectibles to modern artisan creations. Truly a collector's dream!

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Group members interested in music or theater can see a ballet or symphony at the Center for the Performing Arts, an immense campus with three separate stages. The Palladium is a 1,600-seat theater that has welcomed performers such as Dionne Warwick and Neil Sedaka, the Tarkington is a more intimate stage for drama productions and the Studio is a small black space to catch local artists.

Carmel is also quickly becoming a foodie destination. Sample everything from exceptional pub food at Dooley O'Tooles to Mediterranean specialties at Cooking Greek Deli. Groups looking for a communal dining experience can try the small plates at Divvy or the ice cream creations at Bub's Burgers and Ice Cream, featured on the Discovery Channel's Man v. Food.

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## GAAR MANSION & FARM MUSEUM

*This Victorian landmark houses a historic collection of furnishings collected at the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.*

## 1 Day One

**AFTERNOON** – **Indiana's Antique Alley** begins in Richmond and continues on the historic **Old National Road** (now U.S. 40) to Centerville. You meet your step-on tour guide and begin an afternoon tour that includes an antique store, the **Gaar Mansion & Farm Museum** (1876) and the **Levi Coffin House**.

The Gaar Mansion is a spectacular historic home renovation. Abram Gaar was a founder of Gaar-Scott & Company, a manufacturer of steam engines and threshing machines from 1842 to 1911.

The Levi Coffin House has been called the "Grand Central Station" of the Underground Railroad. Here, with the help of Levi and Catherine Coffin, hundreds of slaves found safe harbor in their journey to freedom.



Visit Richmond Indiana Photos

ANTIQUE ALLEY



## 2 Day Two

**MORNING** – Richmond, Indiana was the Rose Capital of the World. Once home of **Hill Rose Growers**, the premier rose grower and marketer, the city accounted for the sale of millions of roses annually around the world. Stop and smell the roses at the 25-year-old **All-American Rose Garden** in Glenn Miller Park. See over 100 varieties of All-American Selections® Roses amidst blooming annuals, perennials and ornamental trees that add an interesting texture to the garden.

Venture west for more antiquing at the **Centerville Antique Mall**. One of the largest of its kind in the Midwest, the mall boasts aisle after aisle of antique and vintage finds.

**AFTERNOON** – Today's box lunch is onboard the **Whitewater Valley Railroad**. Departing Connersville every Saturday and Sunday at noon, May through October, it travels to **Metamora**, a restored canal town where you can visit a grist mill and see the restored canal lock, replica horse-drawn canal boat and historic covered aqueduct. It's a two-hour layover and return to Connersville before dinner.

Spend some time touring **Limberlost**, the home to acclaimed author and naturalist Gene Stratton-Porter. This rustic, Queen Anne-style home was where Stratton-Porter wrote many of her acclaimed novels and took photographs in the nearby Limberlost Swamp, which was eventually drained as the town developed. The rest of your afternoon will be spent in downtown Richmond, where your group goes on a trip through automobile history at the **Model T Ford Museum** and surveys local works at the **Richmond Art Museum**.

**EVENING** – Finish your touring day with a Western-style hootenanny dinner and square dance. There are Western hats and bandannas for everyone in your group. Join in the fun with the **Hoosier Corners Square Dancers**, grab a partner and "do-si-do."



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### MODEL T FORD MUSEUM

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### 3 Day Three

**MORNING** – This morning you visit the **Wayne County Historical Museum**. Comprising eight buildings, the museum is a unique repository of history from early pioneer life through the Industrial Revolution. Exhibits include period clothing, furniture, portraiture, two log cabins of local origin, a genuine Conestoga wagon, a blacksmith shop, print shop, bakery, loom house, a superb collection of early Richmond-made automobiles, steam-powered tractors and the first Davis airplane manufactured in Richmond in 1929.

Last but not least, stop at one of Wayne County's local treasures: **Warm Glow Candle Outlet**. Find over 70 sensational candle scents, home décor, gift baskets, bath and body products and the whimsical **Stone Hearth Cafe**.

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## Uniquely Indiana

### National Model Aviation Museum

**M**uncie's best kept secret, the National Model Aviation Museum and library is dedicated to collecting and preserving significant pieces of aeromodeling history.

Built on the 1,100-acre campus of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the worldwide association dedicated to the hobby of model aviation, the museum has been welcoming visitors since 1993.

Among its collection of 11,000 objects are hundreds of unique model airplanes, vintage radio systems, engines and equipment, plus historical memorabilia such as patches, stickers and clothing.

The institution is going through a renaissance of sorts. A new exhibit about the Wright Brothers, including a reproduction of the Wright Flyer 3, is opening in late 2016, and the recreated 1950s hobby shop is a walk down memory lane.

From a layman's perspective, what's cool and interesting about the museum is that it articulates the science behind model aviation and applies it directly to full-scale aviation.

Groups can explore the main galleries at their own pace. Experience the hands-on gallery by trying model flight simulators, computer games and wind tunnels, and watch a 20-minute movie that introduces model aviation as a hobby. Private tours for groups are available before hours with amazing volunteer docents, including a personalized experience that includes building a balsa wood model airplane for everyone in your group.



Check out the virtual online tour at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/museum/museuminfo.aspx> or call Claire at 765-289-4236 to book your tour.



Discovering  
**Hoosier History**  
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As Indiana basks in the afterglow of its 2016 bicentennial celebrations, the state's historic sites are on full display. This state boasts a surprisingly rich history with hundreds of landmarks, significant homes and historical downtown districts. From north to south, here's a sampling of what to include on your next Indiana tour.

#### STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM

*The history of Indiana's automotive industry shines at this car buff's dream in South Bend.*



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#### Tracing the Route of Slaves and the Amish in Northern Indiana

In the small town of Fountain City you'll find the **Levi Coffin House State Historic Site**. As conductors for the Underground Railroad, Levi and Catharine Coffin helped more than 2,000 freedom seekers to safety. A brand new Interpretive Center is the centerpiece of Indiana's Underground Railroad history. From the outside the house looks like a normal brick home from the 1830s. On the inside, however, most rooms have at least two ways out. There is a spring-fed well in the basement for easy access to water, plenty of room upstairs allowed for extra visitors and a large attic for convenient hiding places. The house's location on a major thoroughfare allowed the entire community to act as lookouts when bounty hunters came into town.

Located in the heart of Amish Country, **Menno-hof** in Shipshewana is a great way to learn about the history of the Amish and Mennonite people. A short film precedes a self-guided tour where guests trace the heritage of the Anabaptist movement from Europe to America through 24 different venues.

Anyone looking to brush up on their family history should visit the nation's foremost genealogical library in Fort Wayne. The **Genealogical Center at the Allen County Public Library** is conveniently located in the heart of downtown. Whether you're a family historian or just curious about your origins, the library has the most extensive collection of research materials available to the public in the United States, and eight on-staff genealogists are available to guide your research.

Indiana was a major player in the Industrial Revolution with automakers across the state churning out thousands of cars for hungry consumers. At the **Studebaker National Museum** in downtown South Bend, three floors of exhibits trace the history of the company from 1852 to its demise in 1966. Before automobiles, the company had its roots in the horse and carriage industry, and carriages from four presidents are on display, including the one Lincoln rode to Ford's Theatre on that fateful night. At the adjacent **Oliver Mansion**, visitors can tour the beautifully preserved 38-room home and grounds of industrial titan Joseph Oliver. The mansion is unique in the fact that so many original furnishings are on display. Any visit to South Bend wouldn't be complete without a tour of the University of Notre Dame. This iconic school of higher learning has a storied 175-





Conner Prairie

**CONNER PRAIRIE:** Animal encounters are part of the fun at Conner Prairie living history museum.



Visit French Lick West Baden

#### WEST BADEN RESORT TROLLEY

A 1930 trolley from Portugal shuttles guests between West Baden and French Lick resorts.

year history of academic and athletic achievement. Guided campus tours are available.

In West Lafayette, the Tippecanoe County Historical Association offers guided visits through the **Tippecanoe Battlefield** museum and memorial. The association also helps host the Feast of the Hunter's Moon, an annual festival that recreates an 18th century French trading village.

Nearby, **Prophetstown** features a fully functional farm with farmhouse modeled after a 1920 Sears & Roebuck kit house. Take the short drive or hike out to this recreated town, which was a Native American settlement before William Henry Harrison, the first governor of the Indiana Territory, burned and looted the original.

### Central Indiana: Home to the State Capital and Many Treasures from the Past

**Historic Downtown Noblesville** has many notable buildings. The impressive **Hamilton County Courthouse** (circa 1879) has played host to famous visitors including Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The **J. J. Heylmann & Sons** building was constructed in 1898 to manufacture wagons and carriages. Its storefront features an overhead door, used as a passage for vehicles manufactured there. In its heyday the **Grand Hotel** was a place where people of status stayed; each room had its own individual fireplace. Today it's home to the Noblesville Clock Company.

Just north of Indianapolis is **Conner Prairie**. Spanning 800 acres, this is one of the most visited outdoor museums in the country and Indiana's only Smithsonian affiliate. Created by Eli Lilly in 1934, this nationally acclaimed living history museum fulfills its mission by encouraging visitors to explore Indiana's heritage through hands-on, immersive and interactive experiences that hark back to the 1800s.

In Indianapolis, the **Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site** was the home to our nation's 23rd president. Docents guide 75-minute tours for groups of 10 or more with highlights including presidential china and Harrison's study, which is filled with personal belongings from his White House years, including his Oval Office desk.

Groups in Indianapolis also enjoy the



well-preserved Victorian home of famed poet **James Whitcomb Riley**. Riley lived in the house for the last 23 years of his life and it's been open to the public since 1922. The home features the same furnishings and ornate décor Riley enjoyed during his lifetime. Visitors will see beautiful ceilings painted by Italian artisans and the desk where he penned well-known poems such as "Little Orphant Annie." The recently added visitors center features a documentary video.

The **Indianapolis City Market** is a historic public market. Founded in 1821, it's been at its current facility since 1886. The building, a National Historic Landmark, is a one-story, rectangular brick structure trimmed in limestone. The farmers market operates just outside, and there is a catacomb tour that takes visitors below street level.

Indianapolis has more historical memorials and monuments than any city outside of Washington, D.C. Notables include the **Soldiers and Sailors Monument and Memorial**, located in the middle of traffic in downtown's Monument Circle. Honoring those who served in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Frontier War and Spanish-American War, it has an observation deck accessible via elevator or 333 stairs. Other memorials include the **Indiana World War Memorial and Museum**, **Project 911 Memorial**, **Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial** and the beautiful **American Legion Mall** that stretches over two blocks of downtown.

The **Indiana State Museum** in Indianapolis is located right on the Indiana Central Canal. Exhibits focus on the state's geological history, famous Hoosiers and cultural contributions of Indiana.

A fun peek into yesteryear is found at the **One Room Schoolhouse** in the community of Pittsboro in Hendricks County, just west of Indianapolis. A volunteer schoolmarm takes guests back in time to a typical day in 1892 and treats each participant as if they were one of her students. Each tour member is given the name and desk of real 1892 students with boys and girls separated at recess time. Pair this with a guided tour at the **Hendricks County Museum**, the former sheriff's residence and jail.

## Southern Indiana Overflows with History

The first settlements were in the southern part of the state, with notable landmarks displaying the state's proud heritage

Founded in 1732, historic **Vincennes** is Indiana's oldest city. When Congress created the Indiana Territory in 1800, Vincennes was its capital. This is where Indiana had its beginnings: where Chief Tecumseh walked, where troops mustered for the Battle of Tippecanoe and where William Henry Harrison, the first governor of the Indiana Territory and ninth president of the United States, lived. Today, visitors can tour the Indiana Territorial Capitol (1805), the state's first higher learning academy (Jefferson Academy), a print shop and military post. **Grouseland**, the William Henry Harrison Mansion and Museum, is the two-story, red-brick home built for Harrison during his term as governor. Also in Vincennes is **George Rogers Clark National Historical Park**, which honors the heroic colonel who defeated the British on the northwestern frontier during the Revolutionary War.

While the center of government is now in Indianapolis, Corydon holds the honor as first state capital of Indiana. Located on the town square, the **Old State Capitol**, a boxy limestone building with a stately cupola, opened in 1816 as a courthouse and the first capitol of the 19th state of the Union. The House of Representatives met on the first floor, the Senate and Supreme Court on the second. A tour can include two historic buildings across the street - the Coburn-Porter Law Office and Gov. Hendricks' Headquarters, used as a residence by Indiana's second governor, William A. Hendricks.

**Madison** boasts the largest contiguous National Historic Landmark District in the nation with approximately 133 downtown blocks. This Ohio River town, founded in 1809, has stood the test of time thanks to efforts of Historic Madison, Inc. Back in the day it was a strategic stop between Pittsburgh and the Mississippi River, a gateway for early settlers to the Northwest Territory as population spread west from the Appalachians. Its vibrant Main Street, resembling a movie set, includes commercial buildings in the Federal, Greek Revival and Italianate styles, many with

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original storefronts. This slice of yesteryear is a thriving district with shops selling antiques and collectibles, sweets, fine art and books.

The crown jewel of Madison's historic district is the 1844 **Lanier Mansion**, one of finest examples of Greek Revival architecture and a National Historic Landmark. Its four immense Corinthian columns support a two-story porch overlooking a garden and the Ohio riverfront.

Overlooking the Ohio River in Aurora is another must-see mansion, **Hillforest Victorian House Museum**, where the family of industrialist Thomas Gaff lived from 1855 to 1891. The Italian Renaissance-style home, also a National Historic Landmark, is notable for its nautically themed architecture, including a third-floor belvedere that resembles a pilot house. Luncheons are available for 20 guests or more.

Following the Ohio as it flows southwest leads to **Howard Steamboat Museum and Mansion** in Jeffersonville, across the river from Louisville. Groups can see exhibits on the steamboat era, including models, paintings and tools, and admire richly carved pillars, mantelpieces and railings in this 1894 mansion. The family-owned Howard

Shipyards (1834-1940) were just steps from the home.

**Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site** is part of Mansion Row in New Albany, also across from Louisville. Groups can arrange lunch or tea in the formal parlor of this 1867 Victorian home, a French Second Empire beauty with Gilded Age grandeur including elaborately stenciled ceilings.

Step way back in time – how about 390 million years – at the **Falls of the Ohio State Park & Interpretive Center** in nearby Clarksville. Learn about ancient fossil beds with more than 500 species of coral and prehistoric ocean life. Exhibits and a film tell about Lewis & Clark, who in 1803 prepared for their expedition from this area.

In the Ohio River city of Evansville, tucked in the southwestern corner of Indiana, you'll find the **Reitz House**. A High Victorian showplace in the heart of downtown's Riverside Historic District, it was built in 1871 for the Reitz family, who were Prussian immigrants and philanthropists. Stained glass, ornate plasterwork, walnut wainscoting and woodwork adorn the mansion, with most furniture original to the family. The Moorish-design grand entry hall and 14-foot ceilings are impressive.

The **USS LST-325 Ship Memorial** is moored on the Evansville riverfront. This piece of military history is now a museum. LST stands for Landing Ship Tank, an amphibious vessel that delivered tanks, troops and supplies directly onto enemy shores. Launched in 1942, it made over 40 trips between England and Normandy. It's one of only two World War II LSTs to be preserved and the only one still in operating condition.

**Angel Mounds**, another Evansville attraction, is one of best preserved Native American sites in the U.S. Located on the banks of the Ohio River, this state historic site includes a new visitor center, reconstructed winter houses, a roundhouse, a temple and portion of a stockade wall. For nearly 350 years up to 3,000 people occupied the site, which included 11 earthen mounds built as platforms for elevated buildings. The site was abandoned before European settlers came to America.

Perched on the banks of the Ohio River just east of Evansville, **Historic Newburgh** was originally settled in 1803. By 1850 the community became the largest river port between Cincinnati and New Orleans and in 1862 it was the first northern city captured by the Confederate army. Newburgh is a model for Main Street redevelopment, with unique shopping, dining, sightseeing, festivals and events. Actor-led seasonal ghost walks transport guests back in time to relive the haunting tales of Newburgh's past.

**Historic New Harmony**, west of Evansville, is the site of two early 19th century utopian communities. The University of Southern Indiana maintains historic sites and facilities that include the 1824 Community House #2, which served as a dormitory for men and women, the Beal House (circa 1815) and the Opera House. An architecturally acclaimed visitor center houses exhibits on the communal history of the area. The **Labyrinth** in New Harmony stands proudly on Main Street. It was originally designed as a place for meditation and reflection with only one true path to the center. Visitors can take the challenge free of charge, working their way around the shrubs, where a stone Rappite temple awaits at the center. For those lacking patience, gates allow for a shortcut directly to the temple.



## RESOURCES

In a pretty area surrounded by the Hoosier National Forest, **French Lick Springs Hotel** (1901) and **West Baden Springs Hotel** (1902) have been restored to their former glory, back to the early 20th century when they catered to society's elite. Guests came here for the supposedly curative mineral waters from the natural springs. The Cook family of Bloomington has invested over \$600 million in the restoration of both hotels, which is the largest privately funded restoration in U.S. history.

The French Lick Springs Hotel lobby is adorned with marble, gold leaf, mosaic floors, crystal chandeliers, potted palms, ceiling frescoes with Roman gods and vintage photos of early postcards. At West Baden Springs the lobby sprawls under an eye-popping, six-story domed atrium, the largest freestanding dome in the world at the time. Sit in this vast sea of space or go out on the expansive porch and relax in a rocker. Indiana Landmarks gives 70-minute tours of the hotels' public rooms.

The **French Lick West Baden Museum** tells the area's resort and circus history. See an elaborate diorama of 1920s Hagenbeck Wallace Circus, Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey's main competitor. Learn about boxer Joe Louis, who came to the French Lick area to train, as did the Chicago Cubs, who trained there the years they went to the World Series.

One cannot talk about Indiana history without mentioning Abraham Lincoln and his connections to the state. Between the ages of 7 and 21 Lincoln lived in the Little Pigeon Creek area of Southern Indiana, where he developed a love of books and confronted life on the frontier. The **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial** is on land where his father built a 160-acre homestead. The museum building/visitor center has exhibits and a 15-minute film on Lincoln's life in Indiana. At the site's living history farm, with its split-rail fences and buildings from the 1800s, visitors can view demonstrations of woodworking, cooking and other pioneer skills.

North to south, Indiana abounds with remarkable historical landmarks that capture the state's storied past. [IN]

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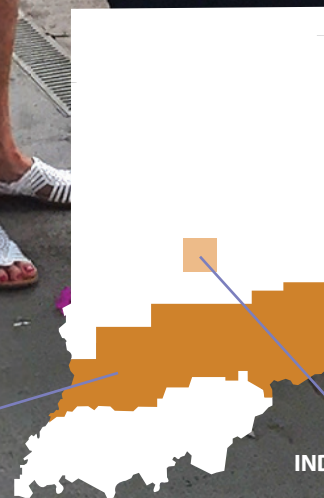
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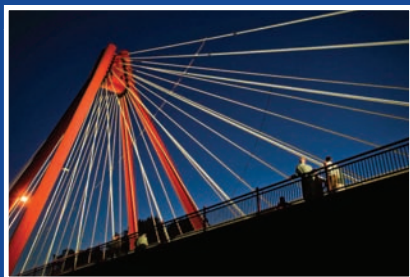
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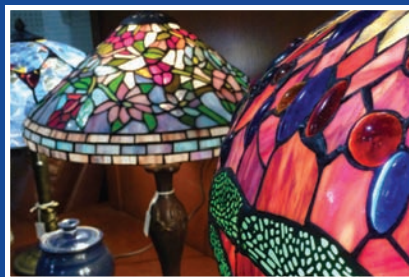
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**MORNING** – Following breakfast, it's time to roll up your sleeves and have some fun. Start with a visit to **McCabe's Greenhouse & Floral**. Depending on the season, you have a number of hands-on projects you can create at McCabe's. From your own Herb Garden or Fall Floral Arrangements, to Summer Hanging Baskets and Holiday Wreaths, you will enjoy a "how to" with the greenhouse designer. You will also have time to shop for home and garden accessories and sample McCabe's freshly made fudge.

**AFTERNOON** – Lunch today is included at the **Dearborn Country Club**. Not only will you enjoy a delicious lunch, but you will also enjoy a painting class. You'll be joined by an experienced painting instructor from The Framery for a session on working with acrylics. Put your own touches and twists to a 16" x 20" canvas to create your unique masterpiece.

Then you will head to Aurora, Indiana and the **Great Crescent Brewery** for a Dessert & Tasting. Enjoy sampling locally roasted coffees from Funny Farm Coffee Company, house-made soft drinks (root beer, cream soda and sparkling limeade), and artisan-crafted ales. Choose your favorite beverage to accompany a "house special" cupcake for an afternoon pick-me-up! Watch a beer bread-making demonstration and take home a one-quart container of their Steepletown Gourmet Beer Bread Mix.

**EVENING** – Head to the **The Framery Gallery and Studio** in Lawrenceburg's historic district for a "Bling Bash" Arty Party. Start with a mini-reception of appetizers, sandwiches and pink drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), followed by activities like silk scarf painting or a fused glass jewelry-making class. Enjoy a "walk & shop" to nearby quilt and vintage shops for more refreshment samples. (Finished pendants are fired and mailed to participants.)

Then you return to the Hollywood Casino where you can try your luck in the Casino or relax with a night cap and live music in the Hollywood on the Roof Lounge.



HILLFOREST VICTORIAN HOUSE MUSEUM

## 3 Day Three

**MORNING** – You return to McCabe's Greenhouse this morning for your last hands-on projects. You will create a Kokedama, an ancient Japanese form of bonsai, and some edible art – fudge-dipped and decorated apples and marshmallows.

Then your last stop is the **Hillforest Victorian House Museum** in Aurora where you'll enjoy a tour of the "steamboat gothic" mansion with costumed guides. Relax during a lovely three-course Victorian Tea served in the beautiful double parlors.

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## 1 Day One

**AFTERNOON** - Your group's tour of Southern Indiana will be full of surprises. You begin in Corydon with a visit to **Zimmerman Art Glass Factory** and see beautiful glass pieces being made right before your eyes. In the gift shop, you may find the perfect present for a special person.

Southern Indiana is known for its wineries. We suggest you make a stop at Corydon's **Turtle Run Winery**, where walking through the front door puts you in the tasting room with the proud owners behind the bar. You actually get to know the wines and the winemaker.

Turtle Run is part of the Upland Wine Region, with nine wineries across several

Southern Indiana counties welcoming groups to their tasting rooms. Also popular are the **Patoka Lake Wine Cruises**, where groups sample hors d'oeuvres and local wines during sunset. In Starlight, enjoy **Huber's Orchard, Winery & Vineyards** and **Huber's Starlight Distillery**.

**EVENING** - Tonight's feature presentation is a nice buffet meal with a salad bar, desserts and cocktails before a show at the **Derby Dinner Playhouse** in Clarksville. This theater has produced every one of the top 50 Broadway musicals of all time, including *Annie*, *The Sound of Music* and *Oklahoma!* There are eight shows a year running Tuesday through Sunday year-round, and you are sure to see either a wonderful musical or comedy such as *Singin' in the Rain*, *Cats* or *The Odd Couple*.



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## 2 Day Two

**MORNING** – This morning you visit **Indiana Caverns**; dating back thousands of years, they're a constant 56 degrees year round. Descend 110 feet underground and walk into one of the world's longest caves. Fear not the walk, as a major portion of your tour is an underground pontoon cruise. You'll glimpse blind cave crayfish and other cave life while learning about how caves are formed and their special role in the environment.

**AFTERNOON** – Your lunch is at the **Overlook Restaurant**, uniquely positioned on a bluff in Leavenworth with a 20-mile panoramic view of the Ohio River. Watch barges churning up and down the river while you dine.

Next up: a visit to the town of **Santa Claus**, where a small museum tells the story of this settlement once known as Santa Fe and how the name evolved to Santa Claus. This is the only town in America intentionally named after jolly Old St. Nick.

You'll love the magic in the **Santa Claus Christmas Store**, which boasts an abundance of beautiful gifts, collectibles and Christmas tree ornaments. There are brilliant twinkling light displays as you trip down memory lane to **Santa's Candy Castle**, where you'll find many of your childhood favorites such as Necco wafers, candy buttons and candy canes.

Celebrating bearded men day continues as you visit **Lincoln's Boyhood National Memorial**. Abe spent 14 years here growing from youth to manhood.

You will see the recreated 1820s homestead where interpreters in period clothing show you what his early life was like on this family farm. Just south of the memorial is **Lincoln State Park**, a 1,747-acre recreational area with hiking and camping opportunities. The park's outdoor Lincoln Amphitheatre presents concerts throughout the summer as well as the **Lincoln Boyhood Drama**, which portrays our 16th president's adolescence in Southern Indiana.

**EVENING** – Tonight is a special treat onboard the **Chocolate, Wine and Dine Train** in Jasper. The beautifully renovated, climate-controlled dining cars feature a delicious German dinner catered by the Schnitzelbank, chocolate from the Chocolate Bliss candy shop and a tasting of wines to enhance the mood.



### LINCOLN'S BOYHOOD HOME

*This national memorial hosts historical reenactors who demonstrate pioneer skills like dyeing wool.*





### 3 Day Three

**MORNING** – This day begins at southwest Indiana’s most respected cultural institution: the **Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science**. It maintains a permanent collection of more than 50,000 objects, including fine art, decorative arts, photographs and historic documents.

Later, you’ll visit the **Reitz House** in historic downtown Evansville. John Augustus Reitz amassed a fortune in the lumber business and built this house in 1871. It is a fine example of French Empire-style architecture and is often featured in magazines.

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Actually, the southeastern part of Indiana is the birthplace of the American wine industry because it was in the town of Vevay that a Swiss immigrant founded the first successful winery in America. Jean Jacques Dufour harvested his first grapes sometime around 1806 or 1807, and in the early 19th century the Ohio River Valley was the largest wine-producing region in North America. The wine industry rebounded in the 1960s and today helps to fuel tourism in the region. Tastings, along with tours of the wineries and grounds, can be arranged for groups.

Three of the six wineries are in the history-drenched Ohio River town of Madison. **Thomas Family Winery**, housed in an 1850s stable and carriage house, serves its handcrafted wine, ciders and hearth-baked breads in a pub-style tasting room and outdoor patio. Attractions at **Lanthier Winery** include French country gardens and the Loft Art Gallery, while **Madison Vineyards Estate Winery** has a charming bed and breakfast. Also on the trail: **Ertel Cellars Winery and Restaurant** in Batesville, **Stream Cliff Farm Winery** in Commiskey and **Vevay’s Ridge Winery Tasting Room**, whose open deck affords stunning views of the Ohio River.

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