

Indiana Amish Country

Including Floral Quilt Gardens

July 15 - 23, 2023

(9 days - 8 nights)



Sat, July 15

Tulsa, OK

Today will be an exciting day with everyone getting acquainted with fellow travelers as we begin our journey to the Hoosier State of Indiana. We will make our way northward to our overnight destination of Tulsa, OK.

Sun, July 16

St Louis, MO

After a restful night we continue through Oklahoma and into the "Show Me" state of Missouri which was home to Mark Twain and Walt Disney, as well as Harry Truman. By late afternoon we will stop by the mighty Mississippi River in St. Louis for the night. Nothing is more relaxing than an evening riverboat cruise on the Mighty Mississippi River.

Mon, July 17

Middlebury, IN

As we begin our circle of Indiana, we will enter into Amish Country of Northern Indiana. Indiana is home to the third largest Amish community in the US. We will make Middlebury, IN our home for the next three nights. After settling in at our hotel, we will depart for a Haystack Dinner at an Amish home followed by a nationally known quilt historian and collector of vintage Indiana quilts, telling the history of Amish quilting and shares with us some cherished Amish quilts.

Tues, July 18

Middlebury, IN

With more than 80 percent of global RV production based in this region, Indiana is known as the RV Capital of the World. We start our morning touring Jayco RV Factory tour. With the Amish having such an excellent reputation for quality work and craftsmanship, it is no surprise RV manufacturers employ many from their community. We will feast

Highlights Include:

- 3 nights at Essenhaus Inn
- Jayco RV Factory Tour
- Meals in Amish Home
- RV Hall of Fame and Museum
- Amish Buggy Shop
- Harry S. Truman Presidential Library
- Das Dutchman Essenhaus
- Missouri Star Quilt Company
- Essenhaus Village Shops
- Walt Disney Hometown Museum
- Floral Quilt Gardens
- Riverboat cruise (St Louis)
- "The Confession" at Blue Gate
- Covered Wagon City Tour (Independence)
- Amish Quilt Trunk Show
- Notre Dame University Tour

at an Amish Buffet before enjoying the afternoon production of *The Confession*, a captivating story of a young Amish woman navigating the world around her, at the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center. This evening we join an Amish family at their home in the countryside for dinner and a little pie making class with recipes and tips you can take home. Our visits today will also include an Amish Department, a fabric shop, and more.

Wed, July 19

Middlebury, IN

With a local guide aboard the motorcoach, we will tour the small villages and experience the simple life of the Amish as we spend our day among them. Have your cameras ready as we travel along the Quilt Garden Heritage Trail and take in the beauty of the floral quilt blocks sprinkled about the region. Explore the huge garden center at Linton's Enchanted

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Gardens and dine on a garden box lunch in the conservatory. More to discover this afternoon before making our way back to the Essenhaus Village. Here you will have time to browse the unique shops, taste a treat from the bakery, or enjoy a carriage ride before or after we gather for dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus, a 1100-seat restaurant.

Thurs, July 20 **Hannibel, MO**

Today we will enjoy our last bit of the Hoosier State as we head west to South Bend, IN. There we will visit the campus of the University of Notre Dame, founded in 1842 and chartered by the state in 1844. We will then cross a small portion of Illinois into Missouri, to overnight in Hannibal.

Fri, July 21 **Independence, KS**

Today's journey is truly the story of two all-American dreams coming true. Our first stop will be in Marcelline, MO—the Birthplace of Dreams. Here we visit the Walt Disney Hometown Museum to learn how the influence of his childhood hometown provided inspiration for countless aspects of his television, film, and theme park projects. Just an hour down the road, we visit Missouri Star Quilt Company. Even if you are not a quilter you will love the story and vision behind a family single handedly making a HUGE impact on the small town of Hamilton, MO with the help of YouTube videos for quilters. Jenny, and the Doan family, have remade the one-stoplight town of Hamilton, Missouri (pop. 1,900), into what they call “the Disneyland of quilting,” attracting as many as 8,000 tourists a month.” Be prepared to be AMAZED.

Sat, July 22 **Wichita, KS**

This morning we step back in time with the assistance of a covered wagon and explore the hometown of Harry S. Truman—Independence MO. We learn about the special place Truman called the “center of the world.” After our city tour, we visit the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum. While the library was established in 1957 in a continuous effort to keep President Truman's life and legacy alive, it recently reopened after a \$29 million transformation.

Sun, July 23 **Home**

As we are getting closer to home we will be reminded of all the spectacular sights we have seen, great places we have visited, memories we have made and our new friends who we will never forget.

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