

# Indiana Amish Country

## Including Floral Quilt Gardens

July 11 - 19, 2026  
(9 days - 8 nights)



### Sat, July 11

### 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 12

### 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 13

### 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 traditional "topsy-turvy" Haystack Dinner at an Amish home. Don't forget to top is all off with sunshine—a warm cheesy dressing. Heaven on a dinner plate. Make sure you leave room for dessert.

### **Highlights Include:**

- 3 nights at Essenhaus Inn
- Meals in Amish Home
- Amish Backroads Tour
- Amish Antique Auction
- Amish Buggy Shop
- Harry S. Truman Presidential Library
- Das Dutchman Essenhaus
- Missouri Star Quilt Company
- Essenhaus Village Shops
- Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum
- Floral Quilt Gardens
- Brown Swiss Dairy Barn
- Riverboat cruise (St Louis)
- Covered Wagon City Tour (Independence)
- Notre Dame University Tour

### Tues, July 14

### 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. Our first stop will be at Rise N Roll, an Amish bakery. Our timing is imperative as we want to make sure they are not sold out for the day. Throughout the day, we will experience the simplicity of their culture through foods and quality products they produce. 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. This evening we join an Amish family at their home in the countryside for dinner.

### Wed, July 15

### Middlebury, IN

It is back to school for us as we start our day with Auction 101 class to learn history, tips and insider knowledge before attending the famous weekly

Shipshewana Antique Auction. Or if you prefer, step out of the auction and shop at the adjacent Shipshewana Flea Market. Afterwards we make our way downtown to enjoy some free time and lunch on your own. 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 16**

### **Hannibal, 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 17**

### **Independence, KS**

This morning we explore the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum. Filled with Clemens family treasures and Twain memorability, the two museums and five historic properties will explain how a small boy from Hannibal became America's most beloved author! Just 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."

### **Sat, July 18**

### **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 19**

### **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.

**Thank you for traveling with  
Bilbrey Tours!**



### **Price Includes:**

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene, Big Spring, Midland and San Angelo**
- 8 nights accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 8 continental breakfasts,  
7 lunches or dinners
- Gratuities for motorcoach driver and local guides
- Services of a tour escort

### **Cost per person:**

**\$2805 (2 people per room)**

**\$3565 (1 person per room)**

**\$50 deposit due upon booking**

**Final payment due April 23, 2026**

### **Travel Insurance**

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