Celebrate the Holidays in Shipshewana: A Christmas Tour Through Amish Country

December 1-4, 2025

Step into a storybook setting this December with Wesbury's festive four-day holiday adventure to Shipshewana, Indiana, nestled in the heart of Amish Country. This year's destination is a refreshing shift from the usual—an opportunity to embrace the serenity, culture, and traditions of a community known for its gentle, peace-loving lifestyle. With twinkling lights, heartwarming performances, and unforgettable experiences, Shipshewana is a true Christmas wonder.

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Trip Itinerary

Monday, December 1

A Sparkling Start to the Season

The journey begins with an early morning departure from Wesbury. En route, we'll visit the **Libbey House Mansion** in Toledo, Ohio. Built in 1895, this national historic landmark is a 9,000-square-foot home that belonged to Edward Drummond Libbey, a pioneer of the American glassmaking industry. Guests will enjoy a holiday-themed tour and a delicious, boxed lunch before continuing to Shipshewana.

Arriving at the **Blue Gate Garden Inn**, guests can unwind at this premier hotel featuring an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center, bakery, and more. Each day begins with a hearty, homemade breakfast featuring made-to-order omelets, scrambled eggs, savory sausage, and both classic and baked oatmeal. Don't miss the waffle bar, fresh pastries, seasonal fruits, yogurts, and a variety of juices, coffee, and teas.

Tonight, dinner will be served at **Shawna Rae's Restaurant**, followed by a magical drive through the **Lights of Joy**, where thousands of Christmas lights transform the Flea Market Grounds into a festive wonderland.

Tuesday, December 2

Delights and Discoveries

Today begins with a visit to the **E & S Bulk Food Shop**, known for its vast selection of bulk goods, kitchen staples, spices, and Amish treats.

Next is a highlight of the trip—the **Amish Mennonite Interpretive Cultural Center**. This immersive experience takes you deep into the fascinating history of the Amish and Mennonite communities. Through engaging multimedia exhibits and recreated settings, visitors trace the journey of these devout groups from 16th-century Europe to their settlement in the peaceful farmlands of Indiana. A life-size replica of a 17th-century sailing ship highlights the perilous Atlantic crossings endured by the early Amish immigrants. The tour continues through a recreated 19th-century print shop, an Amish home, and a meetinghouse, showcasing their traditions of self-sufficiency and community worship.

The center is more than a museum, it's a moving tribute to a people who choose to live apart from modern society in order to preserve their beliefs. It's a truly eye-opening and inspiring visit.

After lunch on your own in downtown Shipshewana, enjoy the delightful performance of a **"Christmas Candy Caper"**. No trip to Shipshewana is complete without a performance at the Blue Gate Theatre, one of Indiana's most beloved entertainment venues. The theatre combines small-town charm with Broadway-quality productions, creating a one-of-a-kind experience. What makes the Theatre truly special is its unique focus on faith, family, and wholesome storytelling. With original scripts,

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lively music, and talented performers, every show is designed to entertain, uplift, and leave you smiling.

Then, take time to browse the town's quaint shops before ending the day with a delicious dinner at the **Blue Gate Restaurant**.

Wednesday, December 3
A Journey Through the Heart of Amish Country

Today brings an unforgettable experience—an intimate, **guided backroads tour of the Amish countryside, led by Mr. Orley Miller**. Orley will welcome you with a warm smile and deep knowledge of Amish life. He and his wife have raised 11 children and now enjoy the company of their 61 grandchildren and 130 great-grandchildren.

As you wind through the scenic backroads, Orley offers heartfelt stories, candid insights, and a genuine glimpse into the Amish way of life. You'll visit several **working Amish businesses** and a **one-room Amish schoolhouse**, where children will gather to sing Christmas carols for us.

Throughout the day, you'll collect **four delightful goodies** from local shops and homes, each one a charming souvenir of your journey. Both **lunch and dinner are enjoyed in authentic Amish homes**, where you'll savor hearty, homemade meals served family-style.

This full day of connection, tradition, and storytelling offers a chance to step inside a world rarely seen and leave with a deeper appreciation for the richness of Amish culture.

The evening concludes with a festive show at the **Blue Gate Theatre, "Christmas Jubilee Review"**, filled with the music and joy of the season.

Thursday, December 4
Holiday Cheer and Fond Farewells

After one final breakfast this morning, the tour continues with visits to **Yoder's Red Barn Shoppes** and downtown Shipshewana for some last-minute holiday shopping.

In the afternoon, relax as we journey homeward, with a special stop in Akron, Ohio, to explore the magnificent **Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens**—a 65-room mansion and National Historic Landmark, dazzling with over 1.2 million Christmas lights. This self-guided tour is the perfect finale to a heartwarming trip.

Finally, it's back to Meadville for a fond farewell—your heart is full and your holidays officially kicked off!

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$1,298.00*

4-day 3-night, per person double occupancy

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Price includes:

- Deluxe roundtrip motorcoach transportation via Myers Coach Company
- Three nights at the Blue Gate Garden Inn
- Wesbury Departure breakfast, three extensive breakfasts, one boxed lunch, one soup/sandwich lunch, three dinners
- Admission to all attractions including:
  - Libbey House Mansion
  - Amish Mennonite Cultural Center
  - Multiple Amish-owned businesses
  - Two live performances: Christmas Candy Caper and Christmas Jubilee Review
- Four brown bag treats
- Light tour at the Joy of Christmas
- Full-day step-on Amish guide
- Professional Premiere Tour Manager and Wesbury guides throughout

Single occupancy - $1,658.00
Triple occupancy - $1,198.00
Quad occupancy - $1,138.00

A deposit of $250/person (plus insurance if applicable) is due at the time of booking with the remaining **balance due October 1st**.

**Itinerary and price are subject to change.*

Book soon!
Trips tend to sell out quickly and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

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