

Illinois Amish Country & Beyond

ONE-DAY ITINERARY

We invite you to slow down and enjoy life's simple pleasures just south of Champaign County as you enter the Amish Country in Tuscola and Arthur, the oldest and largest settlement in Illinois. You've arrived when horse-drawn buggies join you on the road, or you see many people out on bicycles, traveling to work or to the store. These slower modes of transportation are just some of the visual representations that you're surrounded by a different culture.

The people of Amish Country will also usher you into a different mindset. From the woodworkers to bakers to farmers, you'll meet the kindest individuals, ready to welcome you into their world.



Artist Meet & Greet at the Vault Art Collective

Located in a historic bank in the heart of Tuscola, The Vault Art Collective is an artist-owned cooperative, with 50 local artist owners. Making art for everyone is core to their mission, with a variety of mediums for sale—paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, ceramics, fiber art and much more. Hear from one of the local artists on their work and take some time to see the depth of talent in Central Illinois.

Discover Local History

Head through downtown Urbana where the Douglas County Museum puts local history in the limelight. View a collection of Civil War era firearms, learn about local agriculture through artifacts, and discover historical clothing and artwork at this intimate museum.



Lunch and Demonstration at Flesor's Candy Kitchen

Sisters Ann and Devon Flesor revived their grandfather's Candy Kitchen which originally opened in 1901 to bring candy and ice cream back to Tuscola. Groups can learn from Devon, who creates small-batch, sugary confections, while Ann hand-dips the candies. As they don't use preservatives, the candy is made daily, with thousands of pounds of candy being produced annually. Enjoy lunch on site and enjoy their homemade ice-cream and their old-fashioned soda machine!

Amish Woodworking

Take a behind-the-scenes tour at the impressive Amish woodworker, Daz Holz Haus. This large facility creates custom furniture and cabinetry, focusing on intricate details that make your house a home. See the woodworkers in action, and the large Amish community helps create the end products that are created for customers all over the country.



Making of an Amish Buggy

Visit a local Amish buggy maker as you experience an in-depth tour of his buggy shop. See the ins and outs of creating the undercarriage, the buggy body, and listen as he discusses the old art of wheel making. Finish up the tour with a short buggy ride, completing the true Amish experience.

Dinner in an Amish Home

Step back in time as you enter the home of an Amish Family. As your host guides you through their living space, take notice of the handmade items, as well as the similar lifestyle that the home reflects. After you've taken a moment for a silent prayer, your host will begin serving your delicious home cooked meal! You'll also venture through the family's farm to witness their daily work.



Let me take you on this entertaining and educational tour of Illinois' Amish Country. Contact me today for more information or to book your tour.

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