



## LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



### Ohio Amish Country

April 2-6, 2019  
5 Days - 4 Nights

**Enjoy spring in the beautiful Ohio Countryside. See how the Amish live and work on this Amish Country Adventure. Visit the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center, the Alpine Hills Historical Museum, the Farm at Walnut Creek and more!**

#### **Day One – Tuesday April 2, 2019**

Depart via motorcoach from Loudoun County Senior Center to **Berlin, OH**. Check into your local area hotel before **enjoying dinner included at a local restaurant.** (D)

#### **Day Two – Wednesday April 3, 2019**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning before departing for a visit to the **Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center**. A unique educational experience awaits you. Since the beginning of the Anabaptist movement in the early 1500s, the people who later came to be known as Amish and Mennonites have been a puzzle to the rest of the world. Who were these people who upset the European religious community, both Catholic and Protestant, by teaching about adult baptism? Why, in the face of trials and persecution, did they choose non-violence as a response? Witness the history of the Amish, Mennonites and Hutterites on Behalt - one of four cycloramas in North America. Behalt is a 10 foot by 265 foot circular mural. The painted oil-on-canvas cyclorama uses unique artistic techniques of line and color to illustrate multiple stories within a vast time-line. The name Behalt means "to keep, hold, remember." Spend the remainder of the morning enjoying a tour at **Heini's Cheese Chalet**, which has been making cheese since 1935. Their cheese is produced with 100% local farm milk. Take a tour to see how their cheese is made, and then enter foodie heaven in the **Copper Kettle Room**, with sampling and demonstrations of Jams, Jellies, Smoked Meats, Sauces, and Fresh Roasted Peanuts. Stop at **Kauffman's Country Bakery** to purchase some sweet treats, before an included **lunch at a local area restaurant**. Spend some free time at the **Berlin Village Gift Barn**, before departing on your **back roads guided Amish Country tour** via motor coach. While touring, stop to visit two **Amish artisans**. Enjoy **dinner included** this evening at an **Amish home**, before returning to you hotel for the night. (B,L,D)

### Day Three – Thursday April 4, 2019

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before departing for your visit to the **Alpine Hills Historical Museum**. Located in Downtown Sugarcreek, Ohio the Alpine Hills Museum is a perfect stop on your Amish Country adventure. Watch a short video on the Amish culture and the Swiss immigrants impact on the area's rich history, and continue your tour through numerous audio-visual displays that take you back in time to an 1895 fire house, a 1900's Amish kitchen, an 1890 Swiss cheese house, an early wood shop, and even an early newspaper printing shop. Many more artifacts and exhibits also await you. Depart on foot and walk across the street to see the **World's Largest Cuckoo Clock**. At 11am, enjoy a little show as the cuckoo bird pops out, music plays, and the couple dances! Depart and spend some time exploring **the Village of Sugarcreek**. Nestled in the rolling hills of **Tuscarawas County**, this Ohio town is proud to trace its heritage back to numerous Swiss and German settlers. Hence, they have been known not only as a part of Ohio's Amish Country, but also as the "**Little Switzerland of Ohio**." Enjoy **lunch at your own expense** while visiting. This afternoon enjoy a tour of the **David Warther Carvings**. The exhibit features over 80 carvings made by David Warther, a 5th generation carver of Swiss heritage. The carvings created by Warther depict the "History of the Ship" from 1st Dynasty Egypt to the present day. Created in miniature from legal antique elephant tusk ivory and ebony wood the details include intricate scrimshaw engraving and finely carved ivory rigging lines that measure just twice the thickness of a human hair. David carves daily in his on-site workshop where he regularly demonstrates carving techniques to the visiting public. Enjoy free time to shop at **Dutch Valley Gifts and Dutch Valley Market**. Enjoy dinner included at the **Dutch Valley Restaurant Amish Country Theater** for an exclusive private evening of amazing artistic performance with nationally acclaimed Ventriloquist Ken Groves and his friends, whose comedy has taken them all around the world including 14 national television appearances. **(B, D)**

### Day Four – Friday April 5, 2019

After **breakfast** this morning, enjoy a tour of the **Farm at Walnut Creek**. Located near the heart of Amish Country in Ohio, The Farm at Walnut Creek hosts over 500 animals comprised of species from six of the seven continents. Have the opportunity to view and hand-feed the animals whole on a horse-drawn wagon ride. Tour their non-electric Amish farm houses, and experience a working Amish farm. Depending on the time of year you may see plowing, thrashing, canning, quilting, and more. Shop 'til you drop the **Holmes County Flea Market**. This climate-controlled single level 55,000-square-foot building is made up of 4 separate wings and houses over 60 distinct vendors. **Enjoy lunch at your own expense at the on-site restaurant** or other food vendors. Visit the **Victorian House Museum and Glass Museum** this afternoon. **The Victorian House Museum** is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This 28 room Queen Anne style home serves as the Holmes County Historical Society's museum of Victoriana and features a collection of Holmes County history.

**The Millersburg Glass Museum** features an interpretive room where guests can familiarize themselves with the history of the local glass plant, its workers, and its owner, John Fenton. Absorb the chronological arrangement of the magnificent glasswork created from the factory and its kilns. Find out why these sterling masterpieces remain works of art cherished by collectors worldwide. Depart and enjoy free time to shop in **Downtown Millersburg**. Enjoy **dinner included at a local area restaurant** this evening. **(B, D)**

### Day Five – Saturday April 6, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out and departing for home. **(B)**

**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 870 Member / \$ 915 Non-Member**  
**SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 1116 Member / \$ 1161 Non-Member**

#### **Tour Includes:**

- Hotel Accommodations for four (4) Nights
- Three (3) Breakfasts, One (1) Lunch, and Four (4) Dinners
- Admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity

**Payable in 3 installments**

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