



# Treasures of Christmas

Featuring the Shipshewana Amish Community & Santa Claus, Indiana!

**Nov. 26-Dec. 1, 2022**



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- "Our Christmas Dinner" at Blue Gate
- Shipshewana Amish Tour-Full Day
- Lunch at an Amish Home
- Lights of Joy
- Santa Claus Museum & Village
- Santa's Candy Castle
- Santa Claus Christmas Store & Post Office
- Santa Claus Land of Lights
- Rotary Botanical Gardens Holiday Lights Show

## MEALS INCLUDED

Breakfast (B): 5 Lunch (L): 1 Dinner (D): 2

## PRICE PER PERSON

Reservation Deposit:	\$200
Double (2 people/room):	\$995
Triple (3 people/room):	\$975
Quad (4 people/room):	\$955
Single (1 person/room):	\$1295

## IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Final Payment Due:	10/12/22
Cancel for a Full Refund:	10/26/22
Passport Required?	No

### Day 1 Bloomington, IL

We'll begin our journey on our tour to enjoy treasures of Christmas, a journey you will never forget. We'll enjoy music, traditions and messages of Christmas that will help us celebrate the most wonderful time of the year.

### Day 2 Santa Claus, IN

This morning we make our way through Illinois into Indiana. We'll arrive in **Santa Claus, Indiana**. Our first stop is at the **Santa Claus Museum & Village** which features historical documents, photos and artifacts illustrating the progression from the tiny settlement of Santa Fee to the present day town of Santa Claus. Exhibits feature the story behind the town's famous name, the history of tourism, and artifacts highlighting the town's unique history. Page through decades of children's letters to Santa Claus, and listen to the voice of Santa Jim Yellig. Next we head over to the **Candy Castle** for gourmet confections including handmade fudge, turtles, toffee, caramels, peanut brittle, and many other favorites including retro hard to find candy favorites from the past! A stop will be made at the **Original Santa Claus Post Office & Christmas store** where you can send a free letter to Santa. This historic structure also serves as the headquarters for Santa's Elves, a group of volunteers who tirelessly help Santa answer the thousands of children's letters that arrive every year. A photo stop at the **historic 1935 Santa Claus Statue**, standing 22-feet-tall is a must! When it gets dark, we will drive through the **Land of Lights** which features the story of Rudolph. (B)

### Day 3 Shipshewana, IN

We take a step back in time today and travel to **Shipshewana**, located in the heart of the third largest **Amish community** in the

United States. There are many things to do and see here. Shipshewana is home to the "plain people," Mennonite and Amish. Upon arrival, we check into our accommodations at the Blue Gate Inn. Tonight, we'll have an **included dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant** before attending "Our Christmas Dinner" at the **Blue Gate Theater**. (B, D)

### Day 4 Shipshewana, IN

This morning an **Amish guide** will board our bus and give us an Amish countryside tour! We'll see where many still live a centuries-old "Plain" lifestyle. Visit places such as an **Amish Market, a Cheese Factory, Quilt Shop, Chime Making Shop, Bakery and Manufacturer of Wooden Toys**. Lunch is **included** this afternoon at an **Amish home**. This evening we'll drive through **Lights of Joy**, a 1.5 mile light display featuring two million lights! **Dinner is included** this evening. (B, L, D)

### Day 5 Janesville, WI

Today will be mostly a travel day, making our way back through Indiana, Illinois and into Wisconsin. We'll travel as far as Janesville this evening. Tonight, we'll visit the **Rotary Botanical Gardens Holiday Lights Show**. This dazzling after-dark walk on the Gardens' paths features more than one million lights, themed light displays and animations. There is no better way to wrap up our Christmas trip! (B)

### Day 5 Home

We'll head home today, singing songs of the season from our wonderful tour. (B)

