

Wendinger Travel invites you to

Ride the Heritage Trail

Featuring Frankenmuth, MI & Shipshewana, IN

September 10 - 16, 2021

\$1,398 per person



Frankenmuth • Michigan's Little Bavaria

Friday, September 10

Wisconsin Dells, WI

A fall get away is the perfect time to explore different cultures as we Ride the Heritage Trail. Our journey begins as we experience Scandinavian Hospitality in a Country Setting. Thunder Valley Inn is a 130-year old farmstead located just outside the Wisconsin Dells. Your included Farm Luncheon will be accompanied by Scandinavian melodies, old time sing-a-longs and a few Ole and Lena jokes by the Nelson family. This afternoon the Original Wisconsin Ducks will deliver fun and adventures on both land and water. The Classic Duck tour splashes into the Wisconsin River & Lake Delton and navigates over four miles of exclusive scenic wilderness trails. Our accommodations for the night will be at the Clarion Hotel & Convention Center just outside the Wisconsin Dells.

Saturday, September 11

Ludington, MI

Today we will travel east with a luncheon stop in Sheboygan that rests on the shores of Lake Michigan. This afternoon we will board the S.S. Badger to sail across Lake Michigan. The three-hour voyage is aboard a national historic landmark that has transported millions of passengers for more than 60 years. The Badger experience allows you a rare opportunity to explore a little history and a lot of fun taking a step back into the past aboard this grand ship. As the two Ludington Lighthouses come into view, we will dock along side the sandy beaches of Stearns Park. Our evening stay will be at the historic, early twentieth-century heritage, Stearns Hotel, just steps away from the waterfront and dining options.

Sunday, September 12

Frankenmuth, MI

This morning experience the Silver Lake Sand Dunes like never before aboard a Dune Scooter for a fun-filled 7-mile dune ride with breathtaking scenery, a thrilling experience to start the day. Let your hot streak begin at the Soaring Eagle Casino, Michigan's most action packed gaming floor. The Casino offers a wide variety of lunch options while you might try your luck at a little gaming. After lunch we will roll into Frankenmuth, Michigan's "Little Bavaria" and will



start with a hands-on experience of a pretzel rolling demonstration. A step-on guide will join us for a tour of Frankenmuth, including a stop at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church where the city's history can be seen depicted in the stained glass windows. Drive across a 19th Century Covered Bridge completely made of wood measuring 239 feet, and 230 ton, spanning the Cass River. You will share "Gemutlichkeit" with the locals as you will have the evening on your own to browse this quaint little community with over 100 gift shops downtown. Our home for the next two evenings will be the SpringHill Suites in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Monday, September 13

Frankenmuth, MI

The morning is yours to choose between touring the oldest micro-brewery in the United States or go shopping at River Place. This unique shopping experience is reminiscent of a small European village that is home to 36 shops and attractions. It is beautifully landscaped with flowers and trees and features its own river, fountain and waterfall as well as wide pathways for enjoyable walking outdoors in friendly Frankenmuth. At noon we will hear the chimes and melodies of the 35-bell Bavarian Inn's Glockenspiel Tower. A short presentation of carved wooden figures depicting the legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin will follow. You will have an included lunch at the Bavarian Inn, which is famous for their home-cooked, family-style chicken dinners and delicious German dishes. After lunch we're off to a shopper's paradise at Bronner's

Christmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store. Be sure to visit Bronner's Silent Night Memorial Chapel. The chapel is an exact-replica of the original chapel in Austria, built on the site where "Silent Night" was first sung. The evening is yours to spend at your leisure.



Tuesday, September 14

Shipshewana, IN

Today we will leave "Little Bavaria" behind as we make our way to the Amish/Mennonite community of Shipshewana, Indiana. We will arrive around lunch time at the Blue Gate Restaurant, which serves over 25 varieties of home-made pies. After lunch we

Ride the Heritage Trail Reservation Form September 10 - 16, 2021

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Traveling Companions _____



Finalized route & pick-up locations determined by Wendinger Travel at time of invoicing.

Wendinger Travel requests all non-smoking rooms unless otherwise specified.

Tentative pick-up locations: New Ulm New Prague Hutchinson
(please circle your preference)

Make \$200 deposit per person payable to:
Wendinger Travel, P.O. Box 386, New Ulm, MN 56073

will have a guided tour of the Menno-Hof Interpretive Center. At Menno-Hof, history is decidedly hands-on, taking you on a journey through more than 24 display areas of Amish and Mennonite history and sociology, while handmade wooden toys appeal to curious and playful kids at heart. You'll be sure to leave with a better understanding of these unique people of faith. This afternoon we will have an opportunity to go to shopping downtown Shipshewana. This quaint little village boasts more than 90 specialty shops with a variety of wealth of unique goods, hand-crafted items, handmade furniture, Amish-inspired baked goods and more. To round out your Amish experience you will be treated to a narrated buggy ride around town. Tonight you will be treated to a homemade Amish family-style dinner with all the fixings at the Carriage House just outside of town. Our home for the evening will be at the Farmstead Inn of Shipshewana.



Wed., Sept. 15 Hoffman Estates, IL
We're headed to the back roads for an Amish Country Tour, and our step-on guide will continue immersing us in Amish culture with stops, such as an Amish noodle factory, millwood shop and Yoder's Popcorn. As we return back to town, we will attend the Midwest's Largest Flea Market. This outdoor venue is the size of 30 football fields showcasing many local and Amish goods, crazy fun auctions and delicious foods. This afternoon we will continue our trail to the Heritage Ridge Creamery in Middlebury. We will watch the cheese making process on site & sample delicious cheeses and Amish specialties. We will then skirt around the Chicago area for our overnight stay at the Hilton Garden Inn of Hoffman Estates.

Thursday, Sept. 16 Home
Traveling homeward, we can reminisce of our time spent on the Heritage Trail, not forgetting about the small quaint towns in Wisconsin, Michigan, & Northern Indiana Amish Country. Our experience was truly "country-style" and we return home with a better understanding of the cultures, faiths, and traditions as we bridge the gap between our neighboring states.

Your Trip Includes:

- Seven days deluxe motor coach transportation
- Six nights accommodations based on double occupancy
- Breakfast each day & Luggage handling
- Scandinavian Luncheon & Show - Dells
- Ride the Ducks, Wisconsin Dells
- S.S. Badger crossing Lake Michigan
- Mac Wood's Sand Dune Scooter ride
- Guided tour of Frankenmuth, MI
- Pretzel Making & River Place Shops
- World Famous Frankenmuth style lunch
- Bronner's Christmas Store
- Thresher's Meal - Shipshewana
- Amish Buggy Tour & Menno-Hof Interpretive Center
- Heritage Ridge Creamery
- Fully Escorted



General Information:

Tour price: \$1,398 per person based on double occupancy. Single accommodations is \$354 additional charge.

Deposit and Payments:

A deposit of \$200.00 is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due by July 15, 2021. Credit cards are not accepted.

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Amish Country Shipshewana, IN



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