



The Plain People of Iowa

Located two hours from Des Moines and roughly a half hour from Cedar Rapids, the Amish and Mennonite communities of Amana and Kalona are a step back in time. Horses and buggies ride through farmhouses with laundry drying in the sun and farmers working the fields without tractors and other machinery. Founded years before Iowa received statehood, the Plain People of the region have a long history and interesting lifestyle. We "English" are welcomed to learn more about the area and enjoy a variety of attractions.

Day 1: Kalona

The Kalona Amish, or Old Order Amish, are a conservative order of Anabaptists who live very much like they did when they arrived in the 1800's. Mennonite members are more open to modern ways, sometimes driving and using telephones and electricity. We start our visit at the Kalona Historic Village where a collection of 12 historic buildings have been amassed. We tour the buildings, the quilt displays, and the Mennonite Museum. We then head downtown for shopping and free time. There is a chocolate shop where you can see the pieces being made, some nice antique shops and the general grocery. We have dinner as a group tonight.

Day 2: Kalona/Hazelton

This morning we take a byways tour of the

country communities surrounding Kalona. We stop in Hazelton, home to an Amish community. There is time to enjoy lunch on our own and to explore the shops and services in the downtown area. We return to Kalona and have dinner as a group.

Day 3: Kalona

If today is a Saturday, we spend some time at the Kalona farmers market in the morning. If not, we start with a visit to Kalona cheese shop. Then, we stop at the Stringtown General Store with everything needed for a good Amish kitchen. Our final stop is at English River Antiques where we hunt for the perfect adornment for our own home. We say "Mache gute" or "have a great day" to the Amish in Iowa as we return home or extend our tour.

\$X,XXX Per person, *double occupancy*
(Based on XX passengers)

DATES

Similar Tours and/or Extensions Available:

- ◇ New Harmony Minnesota
- ◇ Cashton, Wisconsin

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ★ Kalona Historic Village
- ★ Mennonite Museum
- ★ Hazelton
- ★ Kalona Farmer's Market or Kalona Cheese Shop
- ★ Stringtown General Store
- ★ English River Antiques

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ★ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- ★ Luggage Handling for One Piece Per Person
- ★ Full-Time Tour Director
- ★ Meals as indicated in itinerary
- ★ All Attractions & Activities per the Itinerary
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