

## **Amish Tour**

Take a step back in time on the Amish Tour. Monroe County is home to more than 200 Amish families. The families first came to Monroe County in 1966. The largest number of Amish families resides around the community of Cashton. They chose the Cashton area for its rich and fertile farmland, low real estate prices and the lay of the land. They also chose this area because it was far from a city of any size, which might influence their young people to the worldly ways – and yet close enough to a small town for amenities.

Your group will experience the intriguing lifestyle of the Amish through the eyes of an experienced tour guide in the heart of Amish Country. Your tour will take you back to a quieter, simpler way of life where a buggy and colorful quilts airing on the clotheslines are not uncommon sights.

Visit Amish farms to learn about the crafts they make to supplement their farm income. Watch rugs being woven, see how collapsible wooden baskets are made, visit an Amish bakery and purchase fresh made breads, rolls, candy and pies! Stop at a local cheese factory and see the milk arriving in the old metal milk cans. Watch cheese curds being made through the viewing window. Your group will also have other opportunities to purchase locally made Amish products. Your group members will leave our area with an appreciation for the Amish lifestyle and an understanding of why they choose our beautiful region to make their home.