

The Amish Experience



2012 student/youth packages



Book your 2012 tour by
Dec. 31st, 2011
and get 2011 prices!



The Amish Lancaster PA's only complete interpretive center is located at Plain & Fancy Farm. Amish theater and house tours, step-on guides, family-style meals, and the area's most creative interactive theme tours... all in a beautiful location, far from commercial strip malls... between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse on Route 340, an AAA designated Scenic Cultural Byway. Here, the Amish are truly our neighbors!

2012 Student / Youth Experiences



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Lancaster's #1 Amish Learning Experience!

- We host more school and youth groups than any other area Amish attraction
- The only Amish-themed attraction with:
 - Act 48 approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
 - Only designated "Heritage Site" Amish house in Lancaster County

Helping You "Make The Grade"

Years of Experience with Schools & Youth Groups

We pride ourselves on an authentic, personal discovery of a culture that has been our neighbor for years. This is not a re-creation of a people or a place lost to history. This is a living culture, alive and vibrant, balancing heritage and tradition with progress and technology. Most importantly, students are encouraged to understand and respect different traditions and lifestyles through a unique cross-cultural experience. Finally, we'll try to make putting the trip together easy on you. As one educator said after her field trip, "This is a teacher's dream --- easily arranged and executed."

Exclusive Study Guide

Prepared by teachers and local experts, the extensive study guide, available free of charge upon booking, has activities for before, during, and after your visit. With student and teacher sections, it includes trip objectives, background information, activities for different ages, a glossary of terms, and a bibliography of books about the Amish... for those who want to maximize the educational value of their visit.



Pennsylvania Department of Education Approved

Whether you are a Pennsylvania teacher or not, our approval by the state Department of Education to provide Act 48 classes (and earn credit hours) indicates both the educational value and years of experience we have had working with teachers and students. We are Pennsylvania's only Amish interpretive center to receive this designation.



In the words of our recent school groups:

"Exceeded our expectations! An awesome learning experience for the adults and students."

Eyre Tour & Travel
Rumspringa tour

"Very enjoyable and informative. Getting to visit a working farm was a treat. We had a wonderful time."

Educational Tours
Old & Moo tour

"Excellent presentation. Moved to tears during the Will Parker presentation."

Union High School
Quest for Freedom tour

"What we saw and heard dove-tailed our curriculum! It was great to have our book learning validated!"

North East Elementary School
Amish Trails tour

"It was a wonderful experience and exceeded my expectations. We enjoyed the tour of the Amish Country. The experiential theater was great. Everything ran very smoothly. The tour guide was terrific. The study guide was very helpful in preparing the students for the trip. Follow-up activities were very good, also. The whole day was very well run. It was a pleasure to take our classes to the Amish Experience!"

St. Pius School
Total Amish Experience tour

To expand on your study of Amish culture, consider adding a special 90-minute tour and hands-on activity in historic downtown Lancaster at the Heritage Center Museum (Amish Arts) or Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum (Amish Quilts). For more information, contact us or the Heritage Center directly at (717) 299-6440.

www.lancasterheritage.com

About student / youth rates: All rates apply to groups of 25 or more, when more than half of the group are students (thru high school). Tour pricing based on using your bus and driver. One driver and leader per bus are complimentary. At restaurants, at least one adult should be seated at each table with students. Call us for details, scheduling advice, and help in customizing a visit.

2012 Student / Youth attractions & meal packages

Amish Experience Theater – “Jacob’s Choice”

Only the third experiential theatre in America, our state-of-the-art technology and a three-dimensional barnyard setting puts each student into the emotional story. Carefully researched and dramatically presented, the timeless story portrays an Amish teenager who, perhaps like the students themselves, is experiencing a generation gap with his family. He struggles with having to choose between his traditional Amish values and the allure of the modern world. As he reflects on the sacrifices of his immigrant ancestors who sailed to the New World to escape religious persecution, history comes to life with “Pepper’s Ghost,” wind, cannon, fire, and rain effects students will long remember. (40 minutes, shows on the hour)

Student rate - \$7.50 per person

Amish Country Homestead

Back in the country, surrounded by real Amish farms. Two reasons this is the ONLY Amish house designated a “Heritage Site” in Lancaster County: Authenticity - the “lived-in” look of an Amish house today. Interpretation - your guide answers the “how” and “why” questions... Why do they dress that way? How do they operate a refrigerator without electricity? Included is the NEW Fisher Amish school attached to the house, decorated with the help of an Amish teacher. Students sit at real Amish desks to discover how eight grades are taught in one room. (45 minutes)

Student rate - \$7.50 per person

The Amish Farmlands & Homestead OR Theater

A tour of the Amish countryside with your bus and driver becomes a moving classroom, as your step-on guide provides the insight of a local resident combined with knowledge of Amish culture. You never know what you will see on the backroads, as you drive by one-room schools, Amish working in the fields with horses, or the new cottage industries. Standard stops can be made at an Amish farm, bake shop, or roadside stand. Special one-on-one tours with the Amish themselves can also be arranged. Students discover the Amish are REAL, not a re-creation. (3-hour farmland tour includes Amish Country Homestead OR Theater show.)

Student rate - \$11.95 per person



Simple. Authentic. Delicious.

Two All-You-Can-Eat Options!

#1 – Full Student Menu

Dig into a full Penn Dutch meal that includes iced raisin bread, golden fried chicken, beef, sausage, real mashed potatoes, old fashioned chicken “bot boi” with homemade noodles, bakery-fresh shoo-fly pie, apple dumplings, chocolate cake, ice cream and beverages... and more. They won’t be hungry for the rest of the day! Discover why family-style at Plain and Fancy is more than a meal—it’s a world-famous all-you-can-eat-dining experience.

\$21.75 (gr. 9 - 12 & Adults)

\$20.75 (gr. 6 - 8)

\$19.75 (gr. K - 5)

#2 – Student Value Menu – available Monday through Friday, 11am to 4pm only.

A special menu with a special price! For students who prefer a more “familiar” sampling of our local specialties... country fried chicken, sausage, pot pie, rolls and butter, apple sauce, vegetable of the day, brown buttered noodles, real mashed potatoes and gravy, ice cream, apple dumplings, shoo-fly pie, and beverages. Pass the platters around the table in the family-style tradition.

\$18.45 (gr. 9 - 12 & Adults)

\$17.45 (gr. 6 - 8)

\$16.45 (gr. K - 5)

2012 Packages and Student Rates (per person)

Amish at Home COMBO (Theater & Homestead)	\$10.50
Amish Backroads (Farmlands with Theater OR Homestead)	\$11.95
Amish Trails COMPLETE TOUR (Theater, Farmlands & Homestead)	\$13.95
TOTAL Amish Experience - Traditional Full Menu (Family-Style student menu at Plain & Fancy, Theater, Homestead & Farmlands)	\$35.50 (gr. 9-Adult) \$34.50 (gr. 6 - 8) \$33.50 (gr. K - 5)
Total Amish Experience - Student VALUE Menu (plus Theater, Homestead, & Farmlands)	\$32.50 (gr. 9-Adult) \$31.50 (gr. 6 - 8) \$30.50 (gr. K - 5)



educational theme tours



"From One-Room to Rumspringa"

Get the real story behind Amish education... from the source. Join us as an Amish neighbor describes the Amish way of education, eight grades in a room, and what happens after the 8th grade. Learn about "Rumspringa," the running around time, and what really takes place. We supplement this live Q&A with an Amish friend with a special tour of the Amish Country Homestead from a child's viewpoint, along with playing some typical Amish school games that kids love. When they visit the special effects Amish Experience Theater, students will enjoy "Jacob's Choice," a compelling story about Amish history and a teenage boy's struggle between the Amish way of life and the modern world. (4 hours)

Student Rate - \$20.95 per person



The Old & MOO at Kreiders OR Verdant View

A tour of contrasts as we visit two local dairy farms, one Amish and one not. Our Amish friend will personally conduct this tour of the farm, and explain how cows are milked without electricity. The visit to this Amish farm can only be booked through us. Then, chose to visit one of these two "modern" options: Verdant View where, the "English" farmer will take you on a riding tour on his unique tractor-pulled wagon. OR visit Kreider Farms, where over 1,700 cows are milked by computers on a revolving "cow carousel." (Allow 3-4 hours.) With step-on guide.

Student rate - \$21.95 per person



Quest for Freedom Tour

The Amish Story and the Underground Railroad combined in one unique tour! As your motocoach travels along, you come upon a costumed African American actor, who stops and boards the bus. The story begins of the personal experiences of those seeking to escape slavery. Next, at the Amish Country Homestead, the actor continues the story "in character," describing actual local incidents, such as the Christiana Resistance, considered by many to be the first incident of the Civil War. Then, the guide will transition to an even earlier story of religious freedom, that of the Anabaptists. The 9-room "Heritage Site" tour reveals how the Amish worship, dress, and live without electricity. Then, be a part of the emotional "Jacob's Choice," told with exciting special effects. Finally, board your bus again for a backroads drive in the Amish countryside. (Allow 4 hrs)

Student Rate - \$26.95 per person

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One Room to Rumspringa Tour	\$20.95
Quest for Freedom Tour	\$26.95
The Old & the Moo Tour	\$21.95

NEW! Amish Christmas Experience

Students become the participants as we re-create a typical Amish school Christmas program. **\$16.95**

ALL tours use your bus and driver.

