



Visit South Bend Mishawaka is pleased to have been selected as a host city for a Travel Media Showcase post-show FAM trip in August 2015. We are also excited to say we have partnered with the Shippshewana/LaGrange County CVB for a special extension of this trip, offering visiting journalists an opportunity to experience one of the largest Amish communities in the Midwest.

Visit South Bend Mishawaka will provide transportation from Bloomington to South Bend for those without a vehicle. Any participants who traveled by road to Bloomington will be asked to make their way to South Bend. We will reimburse for any gas expenses. We ask that all participating journalists arrive in South Bend by 2:00pm for first activity.

Travel time from Bloomington to South Bend is approximately four hours, not including any time spent to stop for lunch.

Friday, August 14

- 9:30am** - Depart Bloomington for South Bend
- 2:00pm** – Tour of Studebaker National Museum, The History Museum and Oliver Mansion
- 5:00pm** – Check into hotels
- 6:30pm** – Welcome dinner at Café Navarre in downtown South Bend, voted one of the Midwest’s best new restaurants by *Midwest Living* magazine.

Saturday, August 15

Two tracks to be offered

We plan to offer two tracks for Saturday’s activities. Track 1 will be arts and culture based, and Track 2 will be sports and recreation based. The two groups will start the day together, and will then split off for their various activities. They will come together for meals, as well as for a chance to travel down the East Race Waterway in downtown South Bend.

Track 1: Arts and Culture	Track 2: Sports and Recreation
Breakfast at hotel 8:30 am - Notre Dame campus tour 10:00 am - Tour of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Notre Dame campus 11:30 am - Picnic lunch at Shiojiri Niwa Japanese Gardens in downtown Mishawaka 1:00 pm - Cooking class with local chefs 3:15 pm - White water rafting on the East Race Waterway 4:30 pm - Return to hotel 5:45 pm - Dinner at LaSalle Kitchen & Tavern 7:00 pm - Outdoor performance at Chris Wilson Pavilion	Breakfast at hotel 8:30 am – Notre Dame campus tour 10:00 am – Notre Dame Joyce Center tour 11:30 am - Picnic lunch at Shiojiri Niwa Japanese Gardens in downtown Mishawaka 1:00 pm – Canoeing at St. Patrick’s County Park 3:15 pm – White water rafting on East Race Waterway 4:30 pm - Return to hotel 5:45 pm – Dinner at LaSalle Kitchen & Tavern 7:00 pm – Outdoor performance at Chris Wilson Pavilion



Sunday, August 16

11:00am – Sunday brunch with all journalists

12:30pm – “Sunday Funday” craft brewery and distillery tour begins

Just like many other communities in our country, South Bend Mishawaka is seeing a surge in the craft brewery and distillery market. We will start the tour at downtown South Bend’s newest craft brewpub and make our way to three others across our area, as well as two distilleries. We will end the tour with dinner at Mishawaka’s most unique brewpub, boasting menu items you will have to taste to believe!

***** OR *****

12:30pm – Depart for Shipshewana/LaGrange County

1:30 pm Tour of the Quilt Gardens along the way to Shipshewana while Exploring the Scenic Amish Countryside

2:30 pm Hear the Story of the Amish/Mennonites at our Cultural Center

4:00 pm Canoe/kayak through the 13,000 acres of the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area, one of Indiana’s largest and most scenic properties

6:00 pm Dine at Adams Lake Pub – voted “Best Lake Restaurant” for 6 years in a row

8:00 pm Check into Hotel(s) or B&B(s)

Monday, August 17

Depart from South Bend International Airport (SBN) throughout the day. Visit South Bend Mishawaka will provide transportation to the airport from hotel, and will also make arrangements for travel to nearby airport if flight cannot be booked out of SBN.

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Shipshewana activities to include:

8:00 am Haystack Breakfast at an Amish home

9:30 am Tour the Davis Mercantile

10:00 am Discover Downtown Shipshewana- Murals depict early Shipshewana.

11:00 am Experience the Behind the Scenes at the Blue Gate Theater

11:30 am Optional: Lunch at the Blue Gate Restaurant & Bakery

12:30 pm Optional: 2.5 hours Guide Tour – Amish Backroads Experience

Departure from Shipshewana

The Shipshewana/LaGrange County CVB prefers all participating journalists in need of air travel utilize the South Bend International Airport. However, we will make arrangements for transportation to another nearby airport if necessary.