

2021 FROG International Rally Optional Tours

NOTE THAT TOUR TIMES OVERLAP. YOU CANNOT ATTEND TWO TOURS ON THE SAME DAY.

Elkhart County has a mask mandate as of April, 2021. While we do not know what will be in effect in August, we will suggest that masks be worn on buses, and will follow state and county mandates at tour venues.

All tour prices include admissions, meals, transportation, tips, and other items included in the descriptions.

Tour #1

Brown Bag Tour / Amish Wedding Feast (Tuesday)

Tuesday, August 17, 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

\$70 per person

Our annual tour of Amish run businesses such as Dutch Country Market (noodle maker), Teaberry Wood Products (basket maker), E & S Amish bulk food store, and an Amish leather-goods maker is our most popular every year. You'll learn about the Amish businesses, have a chance to do some shopping, and receive a gift from each of them.

For lunch you will enjoy the traditional Amish Wedding Feast, learn about Amish weddings, hear the traditional German Wedding Song, and see an Amish wedding dress. The menu includes Baked Chicken, Seasoned Pork Roast, Tossed Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Noodles, Corn, Green Beans, Homemade Bread, Butter, Apple Butter, and Amish Peanut Butter Spread, Apple, Chocolate Cream and Coconut Cream Pie, Ice Cream, and Beverages.

In the afternoon you will visit an Amish coffin maker and tour a local one-room schoolhouse.

You'll return to the fairgrounds around 5:15.

This tour is the same as the Thursday Brown Bag Tour.

Tour #2

Mill, Wine & WOW Tour

Tuesday, August 17, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$60 per person

At Bonneyville Mill you'll feel the floor shake as giant millstones rumble into action, grinding grain into flour at Indiana's oldest continuously operating gristmill. A friendly miller tells all about the process and types of grain. Explore the 150 plus year-old mill where there's a story on every floor. The mill is picture perfect and the surrounding county park is ideal for a nature-filled walk along well marked paths.

From the mill you'll travel to Fruit Hills Winery. David & Michelle Muir invite you to join their family in the brand new wine tasting room in the scenic fruit hills of Bristol. The winery features several varieties such as Riesling, Cabernet and Traminette (Indiana's signature wine). You'll sample up to five wines (1/2 ounce each) while hearing direct from David, the Vintner, as he shares the history, tones, and notes of each wine. Assorted cheese, cracker and meat trays will be offered to complete the experience. Following your tasting, relax in the open-air pavilion, shop for a bottle to take home, buy a glass of your favorite, or simply enjoy the view and the conversation.

After your wine tasting, you'll enjoy an early dinner at West on Warren Gallery & Grill (aka "The WOW"). Welcome to downtown Middlebury! West on Warren Gallery + Grill graciously features clean urban design with original artwork in perfect harmony with the cuisine. Family owned and operated, West on Warren is about more than just food and art. Every part of the restaurant is designed to build community and is dedicated to providing a space where friends and family gather to enjoy the best food and drink in the most inspiring environment possible. You'll dine in the new private patio room on the first floor. All buffet options include non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are available for individual purchase.

Your menu will include:

Appetizers:	Bruschetta - toasted Bread Topped with Balsamic Marinated Tomatoes, Parmesan Cheese and Balsamic Reduction Cheese Stuffed Mushrooms in Alfredo Sauce with Garlic Toasted Breadcrumbs
Salad:	House Salad (Tomato, Cucumber, Red Onion, and Carrot) with Choice of Dressings
Entrée:	Orange and Rum Glazed Pork Roast Grilled Bistro Steak with Whiskey Peppercorn Demi
Sides	BBQ Glazed Carrots Roasted Potatoes Pesto
Dessert	Flourless Chocolate Torte

You'll return to the fairgrounds around 6:00 p.m.

Tour #3

Boat, Bison & Bar-B-Q

Tuesday, August 17, 3:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

\$55 per person

Note: There are two buses for this trip. Please be sure to stay with the same bus so that no one is left behind.

Enjoy an afternoon at Cook's Buffalo Ranch & Dinner Buffet. Take a hay-wagon ride with your expert guide into the pasture to hand-feed the great American Bison in its own habitat. Learn the intricacies of raising, feeding, and managing this wild animal. It's a unique experience for all ages.

Dinner tonight is an old-fashioned chuck wagon Bar-B-Q featuring bison roast and pulled pork, baked potato, coleslaw applesauce, corn muffin, dessert, and beverage. (Half of the group will visit the herd before dinner, and the other half will have dinner and then visit the herd.)

Following the dinner and tour, you'll travel to Syracuse for a sunset cruise on Lake Wawasee. At more than 3,400 acres, Lake Wawasee is the largest natural lake contained completely within Indiana. Enjoy a leisurely cruise as the day winds down. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be served on board, and alcoholic beverages will be available for sale.

Following your cruise, you'll return to the fairgrounds around 9:45.

Tour #4

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game": Bear Cubs, Baseball & Buffet

Tuesday, August 17, 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

\$55 per person

Since the South Bend Cubs arrived as a franchise of the Chicago Cubs, they have become a phenomenon in the region, regularly filling Four Winds Field. You have the opportunity to see the next generation of Chicago Cubs Class A-Advanced Team hopefuls as you enjoy the game against the Quad Cities River Bandits and a baseball buffet in the left field Homerun Porch.

There will be a two-hour all-you-can-eat buffet featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta salad, potato chips, and chocolate chip cookies, along with non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic drinks are available for purchase.

You'll enjoy the game from theater-style padded seats and will be shaded from the sun by your own South Bend Cubs souvenir baseball cap.

Immediately following the game, the bus will return you to the fairgrounds.

Tour #5

Brown Bag Tour / Amish Wedding Feast (Thursday)

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Tour #6

Garden and Mansion Tour

Thursday, 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\$55 per person

Wellfield Botanic Gardens believes that mankind and nature are inseparable. Therefore the gardens provide a shared natural and man-made environment of unique beauty in a setting celebrating nature and art. Situated on 36 acres, including 18 acres of water, the Gardens are located just a few blocks from downtown Elkhart. Since the middle 1800s the Gardens have provided drinking water to Elkhart, and its thirteen wells still represent the city's largest source of water.

Origami means "folding paper" in Japanese. *Origami in the Garden 2* is an outdoor sculpture exhibition that captures the delicate nature of this paper art form in museum quality metals. Displayed within beautiful garden settings are examples of what can be folded from a single piece of paper such as soaring birds, gliding airplanes, galloping ponies, floating boats, and emerging butterflies. The exhibition features compositions by world-renowned origami artists. A personalized audio tour is available on your cell phone so that you may call in and listen to the artists speak about the work.

Welcome to downtown Elkhart's popular Five Star Dive Bar! Following the garden tour, you'll find delicious American food on the extensive menu including such items as salads, soups, wraps, fish, and sandwiches, featuring fresh, never frozen burgers. Locals love the loaded tot appetizers, yummy breadsticks and giant loaded nachos with plenty to share! A full bar is available on site for individual purchases on their own if desired. Choose from a set menu offering options such as:

- Caesar Salad (Vegetarian), soft drink or coffee
- Chicken Tenders (Breaded Fried White Meat) and Fries, soft drink or coffee
- Beef Tacos with Chips & Salsa, soft drink or coffee
- Barracuda (Breaded Fried Fish) Basket with Fries, soft drink or coffee
- French Dip Sandwich with Fries, soft drink or coffee
- 5 Star Burger topped with melted smoked Gouda cheese, Colby Jack cheese, bacon, and house made smokey cream BBQ sauce, with Fries, soft drink or coffee

Who remembers the famous Alka Seltzer advertisement, "Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, Oh, what a relief it is"? Elkhart, Indiana was the home to entrepreneur Albert Beardsley who helped found the company that created Alka Seltzer. His elaborate 1910 Beaux-Arts style house, Ruthmere, named after his deceased daughter Ruth, is available for a guided tour. You'll see a fine art collection including Tiffany leaded glass, Rodin sculptures, velvet window coverings, hand painted walls, and walnut woodwork. Enjoy the Quilt Garden while on site

Following your tour, you'll be back at the fairgrounds around 3:30 p.m.

Tour #7**"Wine & Wheels" – Wine Tasting, Das Essenhaus Dinner, and Classic Cars****Thursday, August 19, 2:15 p.m.to 8:00 p.m.****\$55 per person**

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After your wine tasting you'll re-board the bus for the drive to Middlebury, where you'll enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus, one of Elkhart County's premier and most renowned Amish restaurants. Don't forget the pie! Following dinner, stroll among the hundreds of classic cars that show up for the weekly Cruise-In (weather permitting). Admire the classic beauty, and find the one(s) that you've driven or that you wish you'd driven. For those that are not car buffs, the Shops at Essenhaus offer clothing, quilts, gifts and baked goods to suit every taste.

You will return to the fairgrounds around 8:00.
