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## Amish Holiday Activities - Dinner & Holiday show at Essenhaus – Texas Tenors at Blue Gate

Friday – Saturday, December 10-11, 2021

### Friday, December 10

- 7:15 – 8:15 am Approximate time to depart depending upon your pickup location. Pickups will be in Lima, Wapak, St. Marys and either Celina or Coldwater. Exact pickup times and locations will be determined approximately 30 days prior to trip departure
- 11:15 am **Cinnamon Roll Demo & The Carriage House Christmas Card Upcycling & Soup Lunch** - Ever engaging Amish entrepreneur Elaine Jones demonstrates the simple task of gift giving, Amish style, with her Christmas Card Upcycling Project. After the holidays are over, most people simply discard their Christmas cards, but Elaine and her family will teach you how to get creative with their stylishly functional keepsake boxes, perfect for tree trims that hold little surprises when tied with colorful ribbons. You'll leave understanding and appreciating the simple way the Amish celebrate the holiday season. You'll enjoy this hands-on project while watching, smelling and tasting Elaine's famous homemade from scratch cinnamon rolls. YUM! You'll also enjoy a light soup luncheon following your Card making project.
- 1:15 p.m. **Depart for Owl Toy Craft.** Instead of going to Santa's Toy Shop, we will visit an Amish one! See how this toy maker makes his unique Amish toys
- 2:15 pm **Depart for Holiday Cookie Baking Demo.** Welcome to the Yoder's home, filled with Hoosier hospitality, Amish style. Spend some time in the company of friends enjoying food, laughter, fun and authentic experiences. Enjoy Christmas Cookie baking lessons with liberal tasting too!
- 3:30 pm Arrive at Middlebury and check into the Essenhaus Inn (574- 825-9447) for an overnight stay. Some free time to freshen up or do a little shopping at the Essenhaus shops
- 5:15 pm Amish style dinner at the Essenhaus
- 7:00 pm Performance of "A Very Mary Christmas" begins at Essenhaus Theater. Margaret Taylor wants one thing for Christmas: a relaxing holiday season. However, she soon finds herself in charge of organizing a blanket drive and baking no less than 30 dozen cookies. To top it all off her husband, Pastor Luke, volunteers Margaret to direct the annual Christmas Pageant! With diva sheep, a malfunctioning oven, and an ever growing to-do list, a peaceful holiday seems impossible. Can Margaret find joy this Christmas season while she tries to get everything done?
- 9:15 pm Return to the hotel



### Saturday, December 11

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 am Depart Essenhaus for Lintons Enchanted Gardens. Walk through a winter wonderland at Linton's Enchanted Gardens Holiday Village where the scent of fresh pine and mulled cider fill the air. Linton's offers 50,000 square feet of spectacular seasonal displays including 100 themed trees that feature over 10,000 unique ornaments. There's something for everyone on your list including ladies apparel, jewelry, Vera Bradley handbags, garden tools, home décor, candies and various other holiday goodies make your holiday shopping easy at this one-stop-shop.
- 10:45 am Depart Lintons for lunch on your own at Stack's in Elkhart
- 12:00 Noon Depart for Blue Gate in Shipshewana for Texas Tenors performance,

1:00 pm

Since their whirlwind debut on NBC's America's Got Talent, The Texas Tenors have accumulated a long list of awards, accolades and an enthusiastic fan base. They have performed more than 1500 concerts around the world including a 24-city tour of the United Kingdom and China, and collaborations with some of the most prestigious symphonies in the United States. People are clearly enjoying their talent as they were recently named the #10 Classical Crossover Artist in the world according to Billboard magazine. Their wide array of songs showcases the wide-ranging talent of JC Fisher, Marcus Collins and John Hagen, who pour their heart and soul into favorites such as "Desperado," Bruno Mars' "Just the Way You Are" "Thank God I'm A Country Boy" and a stirring rendition of "God Bless America." The Texas Tenors have several originals including "RISE", the haunting ballad "I Don't Want to Let You Go" and the electrifying, boot scootin' "Bootdaddy." Add their unique renditions of popular Christmas songs and you have a great concert

# THE TEXAS TENORS



3:30 pm

Free time to do a little shopping in Shipshewana

4:15 pm

Amish style dinner included at the Blue Gate

5:45 pm

Depart for Shipshewana Lights of Joy. Drive through this light display occurring on the grounds of the famous Shipshewana Flea Market. More than 2 million LED lights and specialty displays will be viewed in a 25-minute period in an almost mile and a half long symphony of colorful light scenes.

9:00 – 10:00 pm

Approximate time to return depending upon your pickup location

Cost includes motorcoach transportation, admission to attractions, 1 night lodging and 4 meals.

**Deposit: \$75.00 per person**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE 11/10/21**

|                         | <b>Single</b>   | <b>Double</b>   | <b>Triple</b>   | <b>Quad</b>     |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Cost per person:</b> | <b>\$371.00</b> | <b>\$310.00</b> | <b>\$296.00</b> | <b>\$286.00</b> |

- **Make checks payable to Choice Travel, and mail to P. O. Box 109, Celina, OH 45822.**
- Deposit required within 14 days of making your reservation to confirm your reservation
- Balance due 30 days prior to departure. Additional trip information and billing will be sent at that time.
- **Cancellation Policy - Deposit fully refundable up to 30 days prior to trip departure; 30-14 days prior to departure– 50% of your trip cost is non-refundable; 14 days prior to departure – 100% of trip cost is non-refundable. If replacement is found, you will be refunded all your money except for a \$25.00 per person cancellation fee.**
- If less than 30 passengers sign up for this trip, Choice Travel reserves the right to cancel the trip and return your money or consolidate this trip with another group which could result in change in itinerary.
- Parking will be available in the parking lots at all locations. **Please plan to arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.**
- Each passenger is allowed one large piece of luggage and one carry on bag. **A luggage tag for your large piece will be given to you the day of the trip.**
- Our motor coach is chartered from Buckeye Charter, Lima Ohio, (800- 859-8324), and Connie's cell phone number is 419- 733-0225. Please leave this information with a family member so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- The dress for attractions is casual.

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