Group Tours

From 1855 to 1932, over fifty communal kitchens provided meals to hungry members of Amana’s communal society. Today we offer a group communal dining experience for your group. The dining room can hold 25 diners. Each group dinner includes a tour of the kitchen, dining room, and short program. Contact us for more info.

Entrée Options
#1 Boiling Beef, Spinach, Cooked Horseradish
#2 Creamed Chicken, Potato Dumplings, Green Beans
#3 Swabian Meat Patties, Pan Gravy, Fried Potatoes, Red Cabbage
#4 Breaded Pork Loin, Creamed Potatoes, Hot Sauerkraut

Group Rates
Discounted rates for groups of 10 or more persons. An excellent alternative for smaller groups or groups not needing step-on guide services.

One site admission $5.00
Multiple site admission $6.00

Step-on Guide Service
Includes visits to 2 or more Amana Heritage sites and a driving tour of the Amana Colonies.

2 hour tour $7.00
3 hour tour $8.00
4 hour tour $9.00

Groups provide their own transportation and make all arrangements for meals and other accommodations.

Pricing

Communal Dining Experience

Kids Groups
One or multiple sites $3.00

Prices are per person. Reservations for all group tours must be made at least two weeks in advance.
Offer your group of 10 or more people the chance to learn about the history and culture of the Amana Colonies by visiting the sites of the Amana Heritage Society. Each of our sites has a unique story to tell and provides a background to help your group appreciate and enjoy their visit to the Amanas. We offer a variety of tour options. If you are interested in a step-on guide, we are happy to stop at non-museum sites.

Amana Heritage Museum

The museum is comprised of three nineteenth century buildings, set on spacious grounds. The Noé House, built in 1864, was originally a communal kitchen and later a doctor’s residence. Exhibits in the Noé House share the history and development of Amana, and display the crafts and industries of the Inspirationists. The Schoolhouse was built in 1870. A video on Amana’s history is shown regularly in the Schoolhouse auditorium. The original washhouse/woodshed houses agricultural and gardening displays.

Community Church Museum

The Amana Community church building is one of seven Amana village churches of the Community of True Inspiration. Built in 1865, from local brick, this church building looks much as it did then. You will learn about the architecture of the church building, plus the beliefs and practices of the Amana Church Society.

Communal Kitchen Museum and Cooper Shop

Built in 1863, the Ruedy Kitchen is the only intact communal-era kitchen remaining in the Amanas. The kitchen is preserved as it appeared in 1932 when it served community members for the last time. Visitors can see the kitchen with the large brick hearth, the dry sink with its wooden tubs, and the original implements used to prepare meals. The Cooper Shop was built c. 1863. On exhibit are tools and products of the cooper’s (barrel maker’s) trade.

High Amana General Store

Established during the communal era in 1857, the store’s exterior and interior have remained unchanged all these years. The original tin ceiling, wooden floor, and glass-topped display cases still remain. Throughout the store are charming reminders of the good old days, of a simpler time, of the past preserved. They just don’t make stores like this anymore, and there sure aren’t many of them left in existence! The store is truly a “museum” and an authentic general store in one.