

The new and the old mix easily in Lancaster County, PA

*Lancaster County is an appealing and diverse destination for visitors, offering not only our Amish history, but a thriving & hip downtown, wonderful family attractions, walkable small towns, various recreational activities, and a wide array of dining & lodging venues. **It's everything you expect, and everything you didn't!***



Home to the nation's original & largest **Amish** settlement, we have several interpretive attractions to explore, plus buggy rides and personalized tour options (<https://www.discoverlanaster.com/amish/>).

Travelers can also discover other parts of our **rich history**, such as railroading at the [Strasburg Rail Road](#) and the [Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania](#), our Pennsylvania German history at the [Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum](#), and the home of U.S. President James Buchanan at [Wheatland Mansion](#).

Some of our other fun **family attractions** that are always popular include top-rated [Dutch Wonderland](#) amusement park, [Turkey Hill Experience](#), [Cherry Crest Adventure Farm](#), the [Lancaster Science Factory](#) and the [North Museum of Nature & Science](#), and [Lancaster Stormers](#) baseball.

In surprising contrast to our famous farmlands is historic yet hip **downtown Lancaster City** (www.visitlanastercity.com), with a robust [art gallery](#) community, performing arts venues like the [Fulton Theatre](#) and the [Ware Center](#), three upscale hotels, a symphony & opera, museums, national Top 25 [indie shopping](#), a modern [convention center](#), fine dining (as well as the [nation's oldest farmers market](#)), and entertaining nightlife.

Lancaster County boasts an abundance of **outdoor activities** as well. Go [ziplining](#) at Refreshing Mountain, [kayaking or paddle boarding](#) down the Susquehanna River, or running or bicycling through our countryside. How 'bout [hiking](#) at Chickies Rock or Tucquan Glen, or [horseback riding](#) at Stone Gables Estate? Or tee it up at one of our fine public courses, like [Pilgrim's Oak](#) in Peach Bottom, [Crossgates](#) in Millersville, [Foxchase](#) in Stevens.

Variety is the spice of life when it comes to **dining out** in Lancaster, from our traditional PA Dutch favorites & smorgasbord offerings, to fun eateries like [Loxley's](#) treehouse-themed property and [DJ's Taste of the '50s](#), to upscale venues like [401 Prime](#) and [Log Cabin](#). **Wines and brews** are also big here, with a number of high-quality vineyards that cater to visitors, the largest craft brewery contingent in the state, and other great libation locations like [Conway Social Club](#) and [Bulls Head Pub](#).

The county is full of charming, walkable **small towns** with home-grown stores & eats, such as the delicious history of [Lititz](#), antiquing in [Adamstown](#) & [Columbia](#), [Kitchen Kettle Village](#) & other shops in [Intercourse](#), and lively downtown [Ephrata](#).

With so much to do, you'll want to stay over and there are plenty of **lodging options** to choose from: large-scale properties like the [Eden Resort & Suites](#) or the [DoubleTree Resort Lancaster](#); quality hotels like the [Bird-in-Hand Family Inn](#) or [The Inn at Hershey Farm Resort](#); historic venues like the [Lancaster Arts Hotel](#); and numerous [B&Bs](#), [farmstays](#), and [campgrounds](#) (some with cottage rentals).