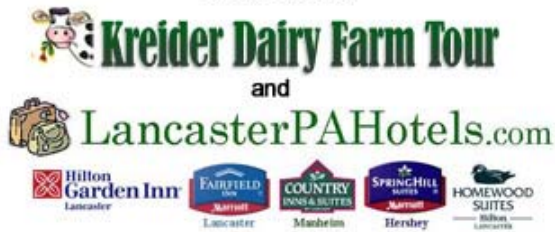


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## Greetings!

### New Sight & Sound production coming soon

Sight & Sound Theatres® has announced their new production for the [Millennium Theatre](#) in 2010 – Joseph. The production will run early March through the end of October. Also, after presenting films and productions for more than 30 years, Sight & Sound will close the [Living Waters Theatre](#) at the end of the 2010 show season so make sure to get in your last visits to this historic tourism landmark! The Millennium Theatre will continue to present Sight & Sound's spectacular epic Biblical productions.



### Use the economic climate to your advantage

*Leverage the economic challenges of today to begin booking trips tomorrow!*

"As more Americans travel closer to home for vacations, the possibilities for tour and sightseeing operators is even more robust," says American Bus Association President & CEO Peter Pantuso. Travelers originally planning vacations to Europe are now looking closer to home. And families that had intended to fly or drive domestically for their traditional week-long summer vacation are now seeking a place where they can stretch their dollars... a value-based destination like Pennsylvania Dutch Country!

- **Value? You bet!**  
From tax-free clothes shopping to all-you-can-eat Pennsylvania Dutch smorgasbords to great deals on lodging!
- **Authenticity and culture? Absolutely!**  
Our Amish communities have doubled in size in the past 20 years. Join us to celebrate everything from Amish to the arts!
- **A fusion of fun and learning? We get straight A's!**  
[Roll up your sleeves](#) and chat with our Amish neighbors, try your hand at Fraktur or quilting, or make some Meadow Tea.
- **Niche interests? We have the answer!**  
Our [U-Pick tours](#) cater to the differing interests within your



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## Meet up with us!

Where in the world is...the PA Dutch CVB team? We'd love to talk with you! Look for us at these 2009 shows:

- SYTA Conference
- IMG
- SC Motorcoach
- FL Motorcoach
- VA Motorcoach (held in Lancaster!)

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Missed an issue? [View our e-newsletter archive.](#)

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Today's economy presents a great opportunity to explore America and your own backyard by motorcoach. Contact us at [groupinfo@padutchcountry.com](mailto:groupinfo@padutchcountry.com) for some great ideas!

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## Lancaster County news you need to know!

### The [Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square](#)

is now open. The state-of-the-art, 299-room Marriott is a wonderful addition to the county. The property is close to all of the city's dining, shopping, and artistic offerings, while being right in the midst of the historic sites, surrounding farmlands, and Amish heritage for which Lancaster County is famous.



Lancaster Marriott  
at Penn Square

### [Willow Valley Resort & Conference Center](#)

is converting their Atrium building into a Doubletree, set to open June 2010. The property will also retain the Family Resort, giving your group more choices at one property.

**PA Dutch Hotels** operates several properties in Lancaster County.

[The Historic Strasburg Inn](#) is in the process of converting to a Clarion Inn. Changes expected to be complete October 2009. Groundbreaking will take place in early 2010 for a Hampton Inn & Suites, on property adjoining the Clarion Inn. The new property is slated to open in late 2010. The new [Comfort Suites Amish Country](#) is now open.

A new, 70-room [Wingate Inn by Windham](#) opened recently. It is located on Lincoln Highway East (Route 30) near [Tanger Outlets](#).



Wingate Inn by Windham

The Soudersburg Motel is now [America's Best Value Inn Ronks/Lancaster](#).

The [Kreider Dairy Farm Tour](#) is operated by the [Country Inn & Suites Manheim](#). Click the sponsor link at the top of the page for more info.

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## Experience Pennsylvania Dutch Country

Looking for a new experience? How about adding one of our [Experiential Tours](#) to your itinerary? Whether it involves a visit to a new property you may not have visited before, or adding on a fun experience at a favorite stop, remember to check out the Experiential Tours page on our [Group Tours Microsite](#). New experiences have recently been added!

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## What do group tours and convention centers have in common?

The new [Lancaster County Convention Center](#) is now open, (along with the



adjoining Marriott). Even though you have a group tour mind set, we'll bet you are also part of an association, church or civic group which may have an annual meeting or convention. Lancaster County now has several choices for your meeting or convention. [Check us out!](#)



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