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Gemini Excursions Trek Talk

* **Treasures of Egypt** with Collette Vacations Wednesday, Nov. 4—Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 13 Days, Including a 4-Night Nile River Cruise



I have been blessed to have journeyed on many tours throughout this wonderful world, and one of my absolute favorite destinations is Egypt! The incredible sights & history are jaw-dropping, and the Egyptian people are charming hosts. -An incredible country to tour!

Tour Highlights include:

Air from Cedar Rapids + air taxes/fees/surcharges, all transfers, 22 meals
Visits to the Pyramids of Giza, the Great Sphinx, Memphis, Sakkara, Grand Egyptian Museum (where King Tut's treasures are on display), Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Temple of Karnak, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Medinet Habu, Philae Temple, plus so much more!

Deluxe 4-Night Nile River Cruise onboard the Movenpick Royal Lotus, an incredible way to discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river!

FULL COLOR BROCHURES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. Optional Tours to Abu Simbel and 3-night Jordan Post Tour also available!

Starting at \$4699/person—double A deposit of \$750 will hold your space. **Final payment is due by September 5, 2020.** Travel Protection is available and recommended for an additional \$385 per person.



FREE TRAVEL PRESENTATION!!

for our upcoming
TREASURES OF EGYPT TOUR
with Collette Vacations

Please join us as we host Collette Vacations' Patrick Kinsella
to learn more about this incredible adventure!

Tuesday, November 12th at 3pm
In the Keokuk Public Library Round Room

Please call Pam at Gemini Travel (319)524-1461
for Presentation Reservations!



UPCOMING DESTINATIONS



Maui Getaway 2/20



Tulip Time Rhine Cruise 4/20



VA Beach, Historic Norfolk 6/20



Treasures of Egypt 11/20

November Trivia

Who gave his red hand-knitted cardigan sweater, size 38, to the Smithsonian Institution in 1984?

We will draw one winner (\$10 Gemini Excursions gift certificate) from all responses we receive through Nov 30.

July trivia: The floral symbol that the state of Kansas and the country of Peru have in common is the sunflower. Thanks for playing, *Anna, Judy, Marlene & Jeanie! (* Denotes winner!)

A Friendly Note

Please note that a \$30 cancellation fee will be assessed to bus trips cancelled after the final payment date, with the remainder of the trip cost refundable to you less any unrecoverable costs to Gemini Excursions.

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN LATELY?



SW Canyon Country: The Grand Canyon!



Martha's Vineyard



Cape Cod: Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Happy Holidays!

Since our last newsletter, Excursions groups have journeyed to the Southwest Canyonlands, Circa '21 and Cape Cod, with great times enjoyed by all! I am so blessed to be able to share my love of travel with the many awesome folks who journey with me!

Are you on social media? For updates on Gemini Excursions trips in between newsletters go to **Facebook** & find me at **Pam's Gemini Excursions**. Like a post there to follow the fun!

The way time breezes by Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here in a flash! I wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving, and a Christmas filled with peace, hope and love.

Let's go see the world!



Pam

Smoky Mountains Christmas

Monday, Dec. 2—Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

Diamond Tours

Let's mix it up this year! Instead of Branson, let's travel this time to Gatlinburg, TN to get into the spirit of Christmas, enjoying six great shows surrounded by the beauty and charm of the Smoky Mountains. Here's a look at what's included:

Motorcoach transportation

5 nights lodging, including 3 consecutive nights in the Gatlinburg area

8 meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners

Admission to Titanic: The World's Largest Museum Attraction

Three Dinner Shows: Soul of Motown, America's Hit Parade, Hatfield-McCoys

One Evening Show: Christmas at the Smoky Mountain Opry

Two Morning Shows: the Magic Beyond Belief & "Tis the Season" Show

Free time in Historic Downtown Gatlinburg, plus more!

Price Per Person-Double: \$629 Single Supplement: Add \$189

Final payment is now due!! Limited space is still available!! Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available & recommended for \$59 per person—double, \$69 single. For tour brochures with full details, please contact Pam.



Maui Winter Getaway!

Tues., February 18 –Wed., February 26, 2020

with 7 nights at the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel

We've stayed at this amazing hotel before—"Hawaii's Most Hawaiian Hotel"! —Time to go again, & enjoy the stunning vistas of beautiful Maui! Price includes all airport transfers, round-trip air from St. Louis, lei greeting, Ka'anapali Beach Hotel - 7 nights, welcome breakfast, 2-hour whale watch, all taxes/fees.

***\$2599/person-double w/resort view, *\$2799/person-double w/ocean view**

A \$500 deposit will hold your space. **Final payments are due by Dec. 16, 2019.** Cancellation waiver/insurance is available & recommended. Contact Pam for flyer/full details.

***Booking Discount: Make your final payment by check prior to the final payment due date & receive \$100 per person discount! SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE TO JOIN US!!**



Mount Rushmore & the Black Hills of South Dakota

Sun, September 20 — Sat, September 26, 2020

Diamond Tours

Iconic sights await on this tour to South Dakota! Highlights include:

Motorcoach transportation, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, visit to Mount Rushmore, tour of the Wildlife Loop at Custer State Park, Admission to the Unique Journey Museum, Guided tour of Deadwood, Visit to Crazy Horse Memorial, visit to the Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, the Corn Palace, plus much more!

Price Per Person-Double: \$779 Single Supplement: Add \$255

Final payment is due by July 13, 2019. Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available and recommended for \$69 per person. For current availability and/or tour brochures with more details, please contact Pam.



* Tulip Time Rhine River Cruise

April 24—May 4, 2020—11 Day River Cruise Holiday
The Netherlands, Germany, France & Switzerland



Enjoy a relaxing and inspiring cruise on the Romantic Rhine! Our luxurious river ship tour is during tulip time, visiting iconic ports of call, sampling incredible cuisine and absorbing the local culture! Highlights include:

- All airport transfers, airfare from Cedar Rapids, taxes and port charges
- 23 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 8 dinners
- Seven nights in a stateroom or suite of your choice, onboard an Emerald Waterways Star Ship, including all shipboard gratuities, complimentary wines, beers & soft drinks with lunch & dinner, complimentary wifi on-board, complimentary bicycles for use ashore, English speaking crew
- Visit to the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens during peak tulip season
- Shore excursions in ports of Cologne, Koblenz, Mannheim/Heidelberg, Strasbourg and Breisach, with personal listening devices
- Two nights hotel stay and touring in Lucerne, Switzerland

Land Starting at \$4,349/person-double, Riviera Deck Cabin

***\$4,999/person-double, Vista Deck Panoramic Cabin**

Travel Protection is available and highly recommended. *Vista Deck is currently sold out. A \$400 deposit holds your space. **Final payment due by January 23, 2020.** Contact Pam for full details/color brochure. **ADD AIR FOR ONLY \$399 through Nov 30!**

* Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, Historic Norfolk

Saturday, June 13 –Sunday, June 21, 2020

Diamond Tours



The Atlantic Ocean, historic sights, summer breezes—June is a wonderful time to visit beautiful Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg and historic Norfolk! This itinerary is packed with a powerhouse of sights & activities, including:

- Motorcoach transportation, plus 14 meals: 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners
- 8 nights lodging, including 4 consecutive nights in Virginia Beach
- Visit to the **Virginia Beach Boardwalk**, a treasured beach hot spot for locals and tourists alike

Colonial Williamsburg: US history comes alive in this Revolutionary City
 Dinner Cruise & Entertainment on the **Spirit of Norfolk**

Admission to the **Nauticus & Battleship Wisconsin**, located on Norfolk's beautiful downtown waterfront (includes **Hampton Roads Naval Museum**)

Admission to the **Virginia Beach Aquarium & Marine Science Center**
 Visit to **Yankee Candle Village**, plus much more!

Price Per Person-Double: \$1085/person Single Supplement: Add \$404

A deposit of \$75 will hold your space. Final payment is due by April 6, 2020.

Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available & recommended for \$69 per person-double, \$94 single. For tour brochures w/full details, contact Pam.

Saturday Night Fever

Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Tony Manero lives for the weekends when he and his friends go to the local disco and dance the night away. Based on the 1977 movie that launched the disco era and made John Travolta a household name, **Saturday Night Fever** features hit songs from the Bee Gees—such as “Stayin’ Alive” and “How Deep is Your Love”—and the high-octane energy will keep you dancing in your seat!

Price includes lunch with dessert & show, bus transportation & basic driver tip.

Price: \$110 due by March 13.

Pay in full by February 14th and save \$5!

Guys and Dolls

Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020

This musical romantic comedy involves the unlikely of Manhattan pairings: a high-rolling gambler and a puritanical missionary, a showgirl dreaming of the straight-and-narrow and a Craps-game manager who is quite the opposite. From the bustle of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana to the sewers of New York City, **Guys and Dolls** demonstrates the great lengths to which a guy will go when he truly falls in love with a “doll.”

Price includes lunch with dessert & show, bus transportation & basic driver tip.

Price: \$110 due by Sept 7th.

Pay in full by August 7th and save \$5!

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What's on our Calendar?

Gatlinburg Smoky Mountains Christmas	December 2-7, '19
Maui Winter Getaway	February 18-26, '20
Saturday Night Fever—Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse	April 15, '20
Tulip Time Rhine River Cruise	April 24-May 4, '20
Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Historic Norfolk	June 13-21, '20
Mount Rushmore & the Black Hills of South Dakota	Sep 20-26, '20
Guys and Dolls—Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse	October 7, '20
Treasures of Egypt	November 4-16, '20
Wonders of Australia & New Zealand	Feb 17—March 4, '21
Details coming soon!	

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