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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.

* 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 is 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!**

UPCOMING DESTINATIONS



SW Canyon Country 9/19



Maui Getaway 2/20



Tulip Time Rhine Cruise 4/20



Treasures of Egypt 11/20

July Trivia

What floral symbol do the state of Kansas and the country of Peru have in common?

We will draw one winner (\$10 Gemini Excursions gift certificate) from all responses we receive through July 31.

April trivia: Of the 14 states bordering the Atlantic, New Hampshire has only 13 miles of oceanfront. Thanks for playing, *Jeanie, Marlene & Judy!

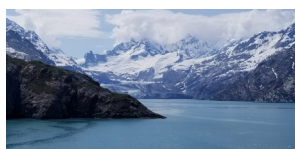
A Friendly Note

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?



White Pass and Yukon Railroad, Skagway



Incredible Glacier Bay



Trans Alaska Pipeline, near Fairbanks

Singin' in the Rain

Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse

Wed., October 2, 2019

Singin' in the Rain—The greatest movie musical of all time! Tap your toes and sing along in this splashy adaptation of the celebrated and beloved film. Each unforgettable scene, song and dance is accounted for, including the show-stopping title number, complete with an onstage rainstorm! Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make Singin' in the Rain the perfect entertainment for any fan of the golden age of movie musicals!

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

Price: \$110 due by Aug 28.

Pay in full by August 2 and save \$5!



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

A deposit of \$75 will hold your space. **Final payment is due by Sep. 24, 2019.** Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available & recommended for \$59 per person—double, \$69 single. For tour brochures with full 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 Aug 30!**



Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, Historic Norfolk

Saturday, June 13—Sunday, June 21, 2020

Diamond Tours

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

Contact Pam for tour brochure. More information in future newsletters!

* Canyon Country Showcase*

September 19—October 1, 2019

with CostSaver Tours, by Trafalgar



Our tour includes great amounts of “WOW” & **National Parks galore!** Highlights include:

Roundtrip Transfers from the Keokuk area to St. Louis

Roundtrip air from St. Louis to Las Vegas on SW airlines, + Vegas transfers

Tour sightseeing highlights including: Arches Nat'l Park, Bryce Nat'l Park, Canyonlands Nat'l Park, Capitol Reef Nat'l Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, Escalante Nat'l Monument, Goblin Valley State Park, Grand Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, Lake Powell, Las Vegas, Mesa Verde Nat'l Park, Monument Valley, Zion Nat'l Park, 4 Corners, Durango—Silverton drive, + more!

Guided by a Trafalgar Travel Director, escorted by Pam Kelly

12 nights in 3 and 4-star hotel accommodations, Luxury air-conditioned bus

Local Specialists to bring locations alive; audio headsets

7 Breakfasts—including Iconic Breakfast in Las Vegas

All baggage handling, hotel charges and local taxes

Price Per Person-Double: \$3299 Single Supplement: add \$834

Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available and recommended for \$194-double, \$276-single. For tour brochures with more details, please contact Pam. ***Our tour combined with another (identical itinerary)—Note new dates! Final payments are due by July 12th.**

* Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard Sat, October 12— Sun, October 20, 2019



Diamond Tours

Fall is the perfect time to visit Cape Cod! Our trip highlights include:

Motorcoach Transportation

8 nights lodging, with 4 consecutive nights in the quaint Cape Cod Area

14 meals, including 8 breakfasts & 6 dinners

A visit to lovely, artistic Martha's Vineyard

A guided tour of the “Outer Cape”, including Provincetown & Chatham

Visits to the JFK Museum and Sandwich Glass Museum

A guided tour of the historic seaside towns of Hyannis & Sandwich

A visit to Plymouth, MA to see the famous “Plymouth Rock”

Price Per Person-Double: \$865 Single Supplement: Add \$285

Final payment is due by July 24, 2019. Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available and recommended for \$69 per person. For current availability and/or

* Alaska Was Wonderful!!

A fantastic group of 35 travelers enjoyed a wonderful trip to Alaska in June! Our weather was perfect, too! —See a couple of photos from our trip on page 2.

Our Next Tour: Canyon Country Showcase—Our itinerary is sizzling' with 'awesome' —I can't wait! Call soon to join us! **(-And, watch for Australia/New Zealand in 2021!)**

Whatever your days entail and wherever you may journey, I wish you blessings!

Pam Kelly

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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Pam has worked over 20 years as a group travel leader and is excited to partner with Gemini Travel, Keokuk's full service award-winning home town travel agency!

What's on our Calendar?



Canyon Country Showcase-SW National Parks	Sep 19—Oct 1, '19
Singin' in the Rain —Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse	October 2, '19
Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard	October 12-20, '19
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
Guys and Dolls—Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse	October 7, '20
Treasures of Egypt	November 4-16, '20

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page." ~St. Augustine

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrowmindedness..." ~Mark Twain