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Gemini Excursions Trek Talk

* Panama Canal Transit Cruise

Sun, February 24—Wed, March 13, 2019

aboard Royal Caribbean's *Jewel of the Seas*



Our group hasn't enjoyed a Panama Canal Transit Cruise since 2010. –Can you believe that not only is the rate on this trip \$300 less than 9 years ago but the cruise is actually 3 nights longer as well?! With all meals & onboard entertainment included, it's hard to beat this 17-night winter getaway! Highlights include:

- Round-trip transfers from Burlington/Keokuk/Quincy to St. Louis
- Round-trip air from St. Louis to Miami, returning San Diego to St. Louis
- First night's hotel in Miami, prior to the cruise
- 16-night cruise on Royal Caribbean's *Jewel of the Seas*, including stops in Miami, Cartagena, Columbia; Colon, Panama; Panama Canal Transit, Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Huatulco, Puerto Vallarta & Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; San Diego

All taxes on above, all transfers to/from hotel & embark/disembark piers
Escorted by Gemini Excursions Coordinator, Pam Kelly

- *\$2995/person-double, Inside Cabin
- *\$3295/person-double, Ocean View Cabin
- *\$3995/person-double, Balcony Cabin

A deposit of \$1000 per person is due upon reservation. **Final payment is due by November 15, 2018.** Cancellations fees apply. Cancellations waiver/insurance is available and recommended—Cost varies by trip price.

***Tour Discount: Make your final payment by check to receive \$100/person discount!**
Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible. Payments after initial deposit are considered part of Final Payment and must be made by check to qualify for discount.

Summer Greetings!

I've now been at Gemini Travel a little over one year, loving my new home!

I apologize for the length of time between newsletters— I am still trying to learn how to balance the days when I am out traveling and on tours with my office time at Gemini Travel. My goal is to produce and send out a newsletter every four months, supplemented with ads in the local newspaper in between, as well as occasional Email and Facebook posts. Thanks for your patience through these adjustments!

Pam Kelly

UPCOMING DESTINATIONS



Danube River Cruise 9/18



Maine 10/18



Panama Canal Transit 2 & 3/19

July Trivia

Who was the only President ever to serve as chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court?

We will draw one winner (\$5 Gemini Excursions gift certificate) from all responses we receive through September 15th.

March trivia: Wenceslas Square is in Prague, Czech Republic. Thanks for playing, *Jim & Judy!

*Winner of gift certificate

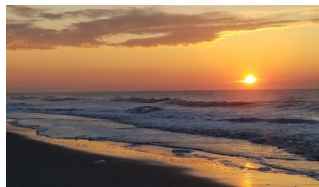
Special Notes

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?



Ushuaia, Argentina—Pam's new friends!



Myrtle Beach, SC --Beach sunrise...



The Ark Encounter—Williamstown, KY

Mama Won't Fly

Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse

Wed., October 31, 2018

An outrageously hilarious race against the clock begins when Savannah Sprunt Fairchild Honeycutt agrees to get her feisty mother all the way from Alabama to California in time for her brother's wedding. The problem: Mama won't fly. With only 4 days to make it to the ceremony, this determined daughter has no choice but to drive cross-country with her equally willful mother, in Mama's vintage sedan. When the journey begins comic chaos ensues as every conceivable—and inconceivable—mishap that can occur does!

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

Price: \$109 due by Sep 28.

Pay in full by Aug 31 and save \$5!

SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE TO JOIN US!

* Beautiful Maine

Saturday, Oct. 6—Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018

Diamond Tours

From the state's largest city-by-the-sea to America's most photographed lighthouse, a motorcoach tour to Maine and its beautiful seashore is an unforgettable group trip! Tour highlights include:

Motorcoach Transportation

8 Nights Lodging, including 4 consecutive nights in Maine

14 meals: 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners

Guided Tour of Portland, Maine's largest city-by-the-sea

Guided Tours of quaint Kennebunk and Kennebunkport

Tour of historic Victoria Mansion

Guided Tour of Pineland Farms, a picturesque working farm

Visit to Boothbay Railway Village

Visit to the Seashore Trolley Museum and countryside trolley ride

Visit to L.L. Bean Flagship Store — Plus much more!

Price Per Person-Double: \$979 Single Supplement: Add \$440

Final payment is now due! Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available and recommended from \$69 per person-double or \$94 per person-single. For tour brochures with more details, please contact Pam.

WE STILL HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR—CALL SOON TO JOIN US!!

* Alaska! Sea & Land Journey

Saturday, June 1 –Thursday, June 13, 2019

with 7 nights on Holland America's Westerdam

For wild, rugged, majestic beauty, it's hard to top Alaska! We'll fly to Vancouver to board our 7-night northbound Alaska cruise, followed by 3 nights enjoying the breathtaking interior of Alaska before flying home from Fairbanks. Trip highlights include:

Round-trip transfers from Keokuk to the STL airport, plus all other trip transfers

Round-trip air into Vancouver and returning from Fairbanks

One night hotel in Vancouver, prior to boarding the ship

Seven night northbound cruise on Holland America's Westerdam, including scenic cruising of the Inside Passage; ports of call in Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway; scenic cruising in Glacier Bay; disembarking in Seward.

Three nights land package, with hotel stays in Anchorage, Denali and Fairbanks. (Seward-Anchorage by coach, Anchorage-Denali by McKinley Explorer Rail, Denali-Fairbanks by coach)

Tour of Fairbanks, including Riverboat Discovery Cruise, dinner and much more
All taxes on the above

***\$3995/person—double, inside cruise cabin**

***\$4295/person—double, obstructed ocean view cabin**

***\$4495/person—double, ocean view cabin**

***\$4995/person—double, balcony cabin**

A deposit of \$1000 per person is due upon reservation. **Final payment is due by March 18, 2019.** Cancellations fees apply. Cancellations waiver/insurance is available and recommended—Cost varies by trip price.

***Tour Discount: Make your final payment by check to receive \$100/person discount!**

Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible. Payments after initial deposit are considered part of Final Payment and must be made by check to qualify for discount.



* A Branson Country Christmas



**Monday, November 26— Thursday,
November 29, 2018**

Plan now to sign up for our annual trip to Branson to celebrate **A Branson Country Christmas**.

We leave the Monday after Thanksgiving for three nights —What better way to get into the spirit of Christmas! Our trip highlights include:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Three nights at the beautiful Grand Oaks Hotel
- All Meals while in Branson
- Seven Shows: Grand Jubilee, The Blackwoods, Baldknobbers, Hot Rods & High Heels, Raiding the Country Vault, Samson and Clay Cooper's Country Express
- Shopping at Dick's 5 & 10 and the Branson Craft Mall
- Step-On Guided Branson Area Tour with Carl and Nancy Kelly

Price Per Person-Double: \$699 (Single + \$110) --**\$30 LESS than 2017!!**

A deposit of \$75 will hold your space. **Final payment is due by October 17, 2018.** Contact Pam for more details. **SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE!!**

* New Orleans

Sunday, April 7—Saturday, April 13, 2019

Diamond Tours

Join us, as we travel to historic New Orleans! From the birthplace of jazz to the French Quarter, Jackson Square, etc., "The Big Easy", or "NOLA" (New Orleans, LA), is an exciting place to visit! Here's a look at what's included:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 6 nights lodging, including 4 consecutive nights in the New Orleans area
- 10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Guided Tour of New Orleans
- Admission to the National World War II Museum
- Guided Tour of a Louisiana Plantation
- Admission to Mardi Gras World
- Relaxing Riverboat Cruise on the Mississippi River
- Enjoy Historic New Orleans French Quarter



Price Per Person-Double: \$729 Single Supplement: Add \$230

A deposit of \$75 per person is due upon reservation. **Final payment is due by January 31, 2019.** Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available and recommended for \$69 per person. For tour brochures with more details, please contact Pam.

Grumpy Old Men

Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Don't miss this laugh-out-loud story of family, friendship, love and romance in a fresh new musical that's guaranteed to delight! Based on the 1993 movie starring Jack Lemon, Walter Matheau and Ann-Margaret, Grumpy Old Men is the story of two aging neighbors, Max and John, who have been feuding for more than fifty years. When the beautiful and charming Ariel moves in across the street, the rivalry is raised to new heights! Can her love and compassion reunite their friendship?

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

Price: \$110 due by April 15.

Pay in full by March 15 and save \$5!

The Legendary Blue Danube River Cruise

**September 20-30, '18
2018—11 Day Holiday
Including the Czech Republic,
Germany, Austria,
Slovakia and Hungary**

**Prices starting at \$4999
per person-double, Haydn Deck**

**FINAL PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN
COLLECTED ON THIS TOUR—
CALL FOR POSSIBLE LAST-
MINUTE AVAILABILITY AND
PRICING!**



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What's on our Calendar?

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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!

The Legendary Blue Danube River Cruise	September 20-30, '18
Coastal Maine	October 6-14, '18
Mama Won't Fly-Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse	October 31, '18
Branson Country Christmas	November 26-29, '18
Panama Canal Transit Cruise	February 24-March 13, '19
New Orleans	April 7-13, '19
Grumpy Old Men—Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse	May 15, '19
Alaska Cruise and Tour	June 1-13, '19

Details Soon for 2019 Tours: Southwest National Parks, several one-day trips, plus more!!

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