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Gemini Excursions
Trek Talk



Canyon Country Showcase

September 16—September 28, 2019

with CostSaver Tours, by Trafalgar

I fell in love with this itinerary and think you will, too! Operated by Trafalgar Tours, CostSaver Tours is Trafalgar's budget-friendly choice for travelers. Our tour includes an amazing amount of "WOW"s and **National Parks galore!** Highlights include:

Roundtrip Transfers from the Keokuk area to St. Louis

Roundtrip air from St. Louis to Las Vegas + 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 Monument, drive from Durango—Silverton, plus much more!

Guided by a Trafalgar Travel Director, escorted by Pam Kelly
11 nights in 3 and 4-star hotel accommodations (see map ->)

Local Specialists to bring locations alive; audio headsets

7 Breakfasts—including Iconic Breakfast in Las Vegas

Luxury air-conditioned coach transportation

All baggage handling, hotel charges and local taxes



UPCOMING DESTINATIONS



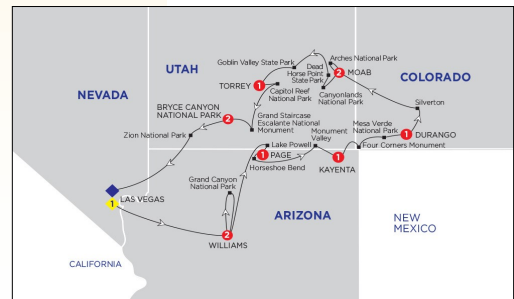
Panama Canal Transit 2 & 3/19



Alaska Cruise/Tour 6/19



SW Canyon Country 9/19



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.

***This tour is exclusive to our group and requires a minimum of 20 participants.**

Wishing You a Blessed Christmas!



My, oh my! How the years fly by! As 2018 comes to a close I reflect back on so many blessings. Our second grandson, Franklin, was born in January. My husband, Mike, was able to retire in April and now is free to join me on more of our excursions—He's loving it, and so am I! Our Excursions Group has traveled on trips near & far, from nearby Rock Island, IL to Budapest & even Buenos Aires!

I feel so blessed to have been able to share my love of travel with so many of you in 2018 and look forward to sharing many more awesome adventures in 2019!

-Wishing You and Yours a Blessed Christmas and Wonderful 2019,

Pam Kelly

December Trivia

Which US National Park contains over 2,000 preserved arches, the greatest concentration of stone arches in the world?

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

July trivia: The only US President ever to serve as chief justice of the US Supreme Court was William Howard Taft. Thanks for playing, *Barb, Judy & Marlene!

*Winner of gift certificate

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN LATELY?



Danube view in Durnstein, Austria



Portland Head Lighthouse, Maine



Branson, MO — Samson!

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 & basic driver tip.

Price: \$110 due by April 15.

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



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 St. Louis, plus all other trip transfers

Round-trip air into Vancouver and returning from Fairbanks

One night hotel in Vancouver, prior to boarding the ship, plus Vancouver tour

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 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.



Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard

Sat, October 12— Sun, October 20, 2019

Diamond Tours



Fall is the perfect time to travel to the East Coast

to visit Cape Cod! The quaint beauty & charm of this area is sure to delight us.

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

A deposit of \$75 will hold your space. Final payment is due by July 24, 2019.

Cancellation Waiver & Post Departure Plan is available and recommended for \$69 per person. For tour brochures with more details, please contact Pam.



New Orleans

Sunday, April 7—Sat., 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. **SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE TO JOIN US!!**



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

***Prices started at \$2995/person-double, Inside Cabin**

***Since final payments have been collected we must now call for possible last-minute availability and current pricing.** Cancellations waiver/insurance is available and recommended—Cost varies by trip price. ***Tour Discount: Make your payment by check to receive \$100/person discount!**

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 Sep 28.

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

Remembering Joyce Seabold



Many of you knew and loved Joyce, who was my “best buddy” helper/assistant on our tours for 10 years or more. She stopped helping me a few years ago as her health deteriorated, and she went home to rest with Jesus a few weeks ago.

Hugs & prayers to her husband Bob and her family. Thanks for sharing Joyce with us!

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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?



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
Canyon Country Showcase-SW National Parks	September 16-28, '19
Singin' in the Rain —Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse	October 2, '19
Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard	October 12-20, '19

"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

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.