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### ***Cultural Combo Package Now Available***

***Natural History Museum and Museum of Man make it easier to spend a day in the Park!***

**San Diego; November 7, 2007**—Visitors to Balboa Park can now take advantage of the *Cultural Combo Package* and **save \$8 off admission** to two of the Park's major museums. This value-added ticket is good for \$4 off the full-priced adult admission ticket to the San Diego Natural History Museum's exhibition, *Dead Sea Scrolls*, and to the Museum of Man's exhibition, *Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land*. Prices for this package vary from \$20 to \$34. This package is valid until December 15, 2007 and is good for any time during museum hours of operation.

The *Cultural Combo Package* was designed to present Park patrons with increased accessibility to the two museums whose exhibitions currently coincide—providing for a more rewarding and informative Park visit. The *Cultural Combo Package* can be purchased in person at either museum or at the House of Hospitality. This package cannot be combined with any other offer.

“We are always pleased to work in collaboration with the Museum of Man,” said George Brooks-Gonyer, CFO/COO of the San Diego Natural History Museum. “The exhibitions complement each other wonderfully and we believe visitors will appreciate the convenience of a combination package to visit *Dead Sea Scrolls* and *Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land* and make a day of it in the Park.”

The San Diego Natural History Museum's exhibition, *Dead Sea Scrolls*, is the largest, most comprehensive collection ever assembled in any country. The six-month exhibition joins materials never before exhibited together: Dead Sea Scrolls from Israel and Jordan reunited for the first time in 40 years, never-before-exhibited ancient Hebrew codices from the Russian National Library, medieval manuscripts from the British National Library, stunning modern interpretations of the texts and the oldest and the best-preserved text of the Deuteronomy Scroll which contains the Ten Commandments.

*Dead Sea Scrolls* is sponsored by The Joan and Irwin Jacobs Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation. This exhibition is exclusive to the San Diego Natural History Museum and will not travel. Admission includes films and exhibitions offered in other areas of the Museum. For additional information, call 619.232.3821.

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The Museum of Man's exhibition, *Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land*, tells the story of the profound artistic, ritual and technological changes of the Chalcolithic Period from which emerged the culture that was the foundation for the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Copper Age exhibition features ancient artifacts never before seen outside Israel.

Based upon a National Geographic expedition organized by Thomas Levy, Ph.D., of the University of California, San Diego, and a group of international scientists who—on donkeys—crossed the deserts of Jordan and Israel to reconstruct the ancient trade routes, mining methods, and ore smelting techniques first used by people more than 6000 years ago.

Celebrating its 133<sup>rd</sup> year, the San Diego Natural History Museum is the second oldest scientific institution in California, third west of the Mississippi. A binational museum, its mission is to interpret the natural world through research, education, and exhibits; to promote understanding of the evolution and diversity of southern California and the peninsula of Baja California and to inspire in all a respect for nature and the environment. Located in Balboa Park at the intersection of Village Place and Park Blvd., it is open daily except for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Located beneath the landmark California Tower in Balboa Park, the San Diego Museum of Man is the region's center for anthropology and archaeology since 1915. It is an educational, non-profit organization with a mission to teach people about people. The Museum is open daily from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. For further information, please call 619.239.2001 or visit the Museum of Man's web site at [www.museumofman.org](http://www.museumofman.org).

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