

SUPERSTAR LEO BEGINS FIRST LEG OF HER EPIC VOYAGE TO ASIA

7 August, 1998 - Star Cruises, "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia", will see the commencement of its new USD350 million 75,000 gross tons SuperStar Leo on the first leg of her epic voyage from the Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg, Germany to Asia on Sunday, August 9, 1998 at 12 noon (German time), 6.00 pm (Singapore time) or 8.00 pm (Australian EST).

For the August 9 sailing of SuperStar Leo from Papenburg, readers can view her sailing on the internet at www.starcruises.com or www.meyerwerft.com as a camera will be mounted on the bridge of the ship.

According to Mr Colin Au, Star Cruises' President and Chief Executive, "The SuperStar Leo will navigate her way under her own power through predominantly flat country on the River Ems which is just 80 metres wide at its narrowest - which is only about twice as wide as the 32.2 m SuperStar Leo. From land, the spectacle of SuperStar Leo sailing down the river will give the expected 200,000 sightseers, who will line the river en route, an impression of a majestic white cruise ship floating over the countryside."

During the 40 nautical mile voyage, SuperStar Leo will make her way under 2 major bridges - one of which had to be temporarily dismantled to allow her to pass - and over a major highway tunnelled under the river in order to reach the sea and to the port of Eemshaven.

Upon reaching Eemshaven on August 10, SuperStar Leo will be going for her various sea trials, which will test her state-of-the-art navigation system on board.

It will also ensure that she meets the highest level of safety in this age of cruising.

As the first world-class megaship to be built for Asia, SuperStar Leo is set to herald a new era of cruising in this region. The ship has 1,000 cabins and can carry 2,000 passengers on a double occupancy basis and about 2,800 passengers with the use of additional berths.

The SuperStar Leo has a number of special features:

- 400 cabins (40%) will have private balconies spread over three decks with another 20% being outside cabins. The large proportion of balconies and outside cabins will allow cruise passengers to view some of the most scenic harbours and variety of ships in the world when they sail in the Straits of Malacca, the Andaman Sea, the South China Sea and into the busy ports of Asia.

- the only cruise ship with over 1,100 crew - 20% more than comparable cruise ships; delivering service standards that is a class above other cruise lines, reflecting the high standards of manning and hospitality in the Asian tourist industry.

- Multiple cuisine options is another unique feature on Star Cruises' fleet. In addition to "Windows Restaurant" the 2-seating dining outlet with a capacity for over 630 guests and 570-seat Raffles Buffet and Terrace, SuperStar Leo will be the only cruise ship in the world to feature a la carte Chinese, Japanese and French cuisine in three specialized restaurants that can seat about 300 persons. There will also be a 24-hour coffee shop serving South East Asia meals.

- the only cruise ship of this size with a helicopter landing pad and a purpose-built ship with a platform at the bow, to allow passengers to experience the thrills and romance of the high seas whilst travelling on her.

- the only cruise ship with a public observation area of the bridge, with video explanations of the bridge and engine room operations.

- With a maximum speed of 25 knots, she is one of the fastest cruise ship built in modern time.

- With its no tipping policy on board all its ships, Star Cruises delivers a cruise experience with a "Touch of the Orient" which will be memorable and unique for all its passengers.

SuperStar Leo will also feature a stunning marble atrium rising through 7 decks, crowned with a glass dome with three glass-enclosed panorama elevators between backdrops of cascading waterfalls. She will have a state-of-the-art 2-deck 1,000 seat "Moulin Rouge" showroom with the latest digital audio and video equipment; a 430-seat observation lounge, night club, disco and a karaoke lounge with private rooms.

There will be a shopping plaza on board, thematic bars such as the German "Bier Garten", the English Pub "Henry the Black", "Champagne Charlie" Bar etc, a Roman-theme deck with 2 swimming pools and four Jacuzzis, spa and fitness centre, hairdressing and beauty salon, library, meeting rooms, board room, business centre and writing room.

SuperStar Leo will have two indoor boulevards, a 500 m covered outdoor continuous promenade and four levels of sundecks. Other entertainment include a cinema, children centre, video arcade, card and mahjong rooms, jogging track, golf driving range, volleyball, football, basketball court, etc. Children will especially appreciate SuperStar Leo as they will have almost an entire deck to themselves with pools, Jacuzzis, children play area, video arcade and their own fast food and ice cream outlets.

In October 1998, SuperStar Leo will arrive in Singapore to begin operating in the Straits of Malacca/Andaman Sea till March 1999. She will offer 3-night cruises from Singapore departing every Sunday to Phuket in Thailand and Langkawi Island in Malaysia and 2-night cruises departing from Singapore every Wednesday to Malacca and Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur) in Malaysia. From April to September 1999, SuperStar Leo will sail to the South China Sea, offering 3-

night cruises departing every Sunday to Songkhla (Hatyai) in Thailand and Pulau Perhentian in Malaysia and 2-night cruises departing every Wednesday to Kuantan and Kijal Awana Resort in Malaysia.

International fly/cruise travellers will be able to experience SuperStar Leo on either a 2-night, 3-night or combined 5-night cruise around the region, replacing the previous SuperStar Gemini's 5-night programme. The sheer size and elegance of this world-class ship, together with her tastefully designed interiors will have universal appeal to travellers from around the world.

Star Cruises is "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia" and one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. By 2002, Star Cruises will have a fleet of 10 vessels with a total lower berth capacity of about 12,000 with annual growth of 25% per year for the corresponding period. Star Cruises has also one of the youngest cruise fleets in the world with ships based throughout Asia and offices in Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and UK.

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