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**STAR CRUISES ANNOUNCES NEW SOUTH CHINA SEA
ITINERARIES ON SUPERSTAR LEO**

Star Cruises "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia Pacific" is pleased to announce **SuperStar Leo's** new itineraries to **Kuantan, Awana Kijal Golf & Beach Resort** (Kemaman), **Perhentian Islands** in East Coast of Malaysia and **Songkhla / Hatyai** in Thailand with effect from **2nd April, 1999** till **24th September, 1999**.

SuperStar Leo will call at these 'hard-to-reach' destinations on the East Coast of Malaysia and Thailand - The luxurious **Awana Kijal Golf & Beach Resort** situated on the longest and most beautiful beach on the East Coast of Malaysia; the **Perhentian Islands** renowned for its bountiful and brightly coloured coral reefs; and the most exotic and idyllic beaches of **Songkhla**, combined with the exciting shopping paradise at **Hatyai** in Thailand.

Star Cruises will be launching this new '**value-for-money**', '**all-inclusive**' cruise vacation from **S\$ 149 per person** (quad share) where cruise passengers can have a wonderful 3-day / 2-night cruise to Awana Kijal Golf & Beach Resort, departing on Wednesday. And from **S\$ 199 per person** (quad share), they can experience an exciting 4-day / 3-night cruise to the Perhentian Islands, Songkhla and Hatyai which departs on Sundays.

On Wednesday cruises, the highlight is the **Awana Kijal Golf & Beach Resort**, a 5-star resort that prides itself on having the longest and most exclusive beach front in Terengganu, totaling 7.6 km set amidst an old coconut plantation with an

18-hole golf course. Cruise passengers will be able to use the Awana Kijal Resort's many facilities. Children will have great fun in the landscaped fun-pool, the largest in the East Coast with wet slides. There are a variety of water-sports available on the beach. When in season, the local durians in Kijal are also rated as one of the best in Malaysia. Along the bus journey (complimentary) from Kuantan, passengers will pass by a Malay fishing village before arriving at the Awana Kijal Golf & Beach Resort.

On Sunday cruises, passengers will arrive in the afternoon at **Songkhla**, famous for its beautiful beaches. Within half an hour's journey is the exciting town of **Hatyai**, a shopping paradise in Southern Thailand, offering Thai products and handicrafts at greatly affordable Thai Bahts as well as bird nests, shark's fin and other seafood delicacies from shopping complexes to colourful night markets. Before departing just after midnight, passengers will also be able to enjoy the local food and exciting nightlife including entertainment at the biggest dining venue with cabaret show in Southern Thailand.

After Songkhla and Hatyai, cruise passengers will arrive at the **Perhentian Islands** in the morning. Perhentian Islands is one of a handful of the most beautiful islands on the East Coast of Malaysia and offer kilometers of unspoilt beaches, crystal clear blue waters and rich colourful marine life. Complimentary transfers to the island offers passengers a chance to snorkel in the colourful reef or take a stroll on a stretch of white sandy beach with facilities available at the Perhentian Islands Resort.

Mr Cheong Tack Hoong, Executive Vice-President for Star Cruises added, "The South China Sea itineraries offer more value-for-money as land/air packages are more expensive and logistically, more complicated than the comparable cruise package. These exciting, hassle-free and romantic 'all-inclusive' cruise packages will be ideal for couples and families, especially during the coming school holidays. We are already receiving advance bookings from the Singapore markets".

Star Cruises, "The Leading Cruise Line In Asia Pacific" is one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. By 2002, Star Cruises will have a fleet of 10 vessels with 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, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States of America.

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