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STAR CRUISES RELEASES SUPERSTAR LIBRA PLANS
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The General Arrangement plan for the US\$400 million, 91,000-gross ton **SuperStar Libra** was unveiled in Brisbane by Mr. Colin Au, President and Chief Executive of Star Cruises during the first day of a 9-day road show in Australia.

At 91,000 gross tonnes, **SuperStar Libra** will be the **largest 'panamax' cruise ship** that can pass the Panama Canal, and 7% larger than the previous generation of 85,000-gross tonne ships. This is possible due to the close co-operation between Star Cruises and Meyer Werft, the German shipbuilder. Measuring 295m long and 32.2m in breadth, she will be the largest cruise vessel to sail in Asia-Pacific. About 20% larger than the SuperStar Leo, **SuperStar Libra** will also have the same maximum cruising speed of 25 knots, the fastest cruise vessel built in modern time.

SuperStar Libra will have 1,150 cabins and 2,300 lower berths, making her one of the most comfortable ships in the world with a **passenger space ratio of 40 to 1**. **SuperStar Libra** will have nearly four and a half decks of public areas and a walking tour of the public areas can be up to 2 kilometres.

SuperStar Libra will feature the **most number of alternative dining outlets** on any cruise ship in the world and will include Chinese, Japanese, Indian and Italian restaurants, in addition to a 24-hour Blue Lagoon fast food restaurant. She will also have two main dining rooms catering for 1,200 passengers at any one time. The total

number of dining seats will be about 2,000 which means that there is almost one dining seat for every passenger, a feature found only in the most expensive ships in the world.

The ship will feature tiered sundecks, with excellent views of the swimming pool and stage. This area can be turned into a vast amphitheatre for shows and entertainment for more than 1,000 people. The ship also boasts a 3-deck column-free theatre which can seat more than 1,000 people giving excellent sightline to all seats.

SuperStar Libra will also feature the most advanced health spa facilities afloat in Asia-Pacific and has a **secondary show lounge for entertainment**. The children's area will be enlarged above the sundeck of the ship.

SuperStar Libra will also feature **an entire deck of suites**. The smallest suite will have separate sitting and sleeping areas, measuring 27 sq metres each. Each suite will have a bath and will feature facilities and amenities equivalent to any 5-star land hotel. With **a total of 134 suites**, no other cruise ship will have as many suites as compared with the **SuperStar Libra**. Balcony Staterooms will have **larger balconies** than those on the SuperStar Leo.

SuperStar Libra will carry about 1,400 crew, the most number of crew on any planned or existing cruise ship in the world. "On a similar ship in the Caribbean, Europe or Alaska, you will find about 900 crew," says Mr. Colin Au, President & Chief Executive of Star Cruises. "This means that we have 50% more crew for our passengers resulting in an unsurpassed level of service," he added.

SuperStar Libra will feature Azipods for propulsion which means that there would be less vibration and greater fuel efficiency in the operation of the ship. The ship will also feature the state-of-the-art navigation, security and surveillance systems in order to ensure the highest level of safety and security.

"Star Cruises' objective is to operate a fleet of modern and large vessels which are economical and safe to operate," says Dato' K T Lim, Chairman of Star Cruises. "Modern large vessels and a fleet operation give us the ability to price our cruises

competitively and yet provide adequate level of profitability to ensure that safety and maintenance standards are kept to the highest possible standards,” he added.

SuperStar Libra will be delivered in **October 2001** and her positioning will be announced in August of next year following evaluation of the performance of ships based in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Taipei and Osaka/Kobe as well as port infrastructure that can cater for the size of these ships.

Star Cruises, “*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*”, is one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. By 2005, Star Cruises will have a fleet of 12 vessels with lower berth capacity of about 18,000 and an annual growth of 25% per year for the corresponding period.

Star Cruises has also one of the youngest and most modern cruise fleets in the world with the highest safety standards. Its ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific with Singapore, Port Klang, Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei and Osaka/Kobe (early 2000) as ports of embarkation. Star Cruises’ award-winning fleet has the best services afloat with the highest crew-to-passenger ratio reflecting the high standards of the hospitality industry in Asia-Pacific.

Star Cruises has offices in Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand); Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Europe (Austria, Germany, Sweden and United Kingdom) and the United States of America. New offices will be established in the Philippines and Korea by the end of this year.

Star Cruises’ completely new web-site is at www.starcruiises.com or www.starcruiises.com.my which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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