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**STAR CRUISES ANNOUNCE MAIDEN CRUISE OF
SUPERSTAR VIRGO FROM MUMBAI TO SINGAPORE**

Star Cruises, "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" is pleased to announce the launch of the maiden relocation cruise of her next delivery, the US\$360 million, 76,800 gross-tonne **SuperStar Virgo** from Mumbai, India to Singapore calling at the ports of Male (Maldives), Colombo (Sri Lanka) and Langkawi (Malaysia).

"We have been pleased with the **SuperStar Leo** relocation cruise from Singapore to Hong Kong calling at Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and Nha Trang which is almost sold out," says Mr Colin Au, President & Chief Executive of Star Cruises.

"We will have more than 2,000 cruise passengers arriving in Hong Kong on that day and it will be a fantastic voyage as **SuperStar Leo** will be the largest cruise ship to call at these ports. All our cruise passengers will be given a red carpet welcome by the local tourist authorities," he added.

With the success of **SuperStar Leo's** relocation voyage, Star Cruises planned **a second one-week relocation voyage by SuperStar Virgo from Mumbai to**

Singapore calling at the atolls and resort islands of **Male (Maldives)**, which are reputed to have the clearest water and the best beaches in the world.

SuperStar Virgo will also call at **Colombo**, a world famous port and the capital of Sri Lanka with its fascinating local culture. **SuperStar Virgo** will then proceed to **Pulau Langkawi**, the most picturesque island in Malaysia before arriving in **Singapore** on Friday, September 10, 1999.

Cruise passengers from overseas will be able to use the ship as a hotel the night before departure and visit Mumbai, the largest city and commercial hub of India. It is one of the most thriving cities of India with a vibrant economy. **SuperStar Virgo** will be berthed next to the "Gateway to India" which is the historic landing place for British governors and royalty whenever they visit India.

The ability to visit the four countries of India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Malaysia in the comfort of **SuperStar Virgo**, the largest twin-sister ship ever to cruise the Asia-Pacific, especially on her maiden voyage will be significant and memorable for cruise passengers. Each cruise passenger will receive a limited edition memento for this maiden voyage.

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 with Singapore, Port Klang, Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei and Osaka/Kobe as ports of embarkation by early 2000.

Star Cruises has offices in Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand), Europe (Austria, Germany, Sweden and United Kingdom) and the United States of America.

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