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SUPERSTAR EUROPE
COMMENCES VOYAGE TO ASIA-PACIFIC

Star Cruises "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" is pleased to announce that Hapag-Lloyd has redelivered the Europa, rated as the "**Best Cruise Ship in the World**" by the 1997 Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising and Cruise Ships, to Star Cruises.

The "Europa" was renamed "**SuperStar Europe**" and commenced her voyage to Asia-Pacific from Hamburg July 8, 1999. **SuperStar Europe** will undergo a USD15 million **complete renovation and refit** of her facilities to restore her to the standards of the best cruise ship in the world and she will be almost completely "new" after the renovations.

The renovation will include **a new sprinkler and smoke detector system** in all public areas, as well as the engine room, which is not required by regulations until 2005. For the sprinkler system, Star Cruises has chosen the state-of-the-art "hi-fog" system which uses a fine mist of water to extinguish the flames.

SuperStar Europe will have her stability and speed improved by the addition of a 'ducktail'. The cabins and other public areas will be refurbished and balconies added to the suites. The galleys will be further improved to cater for the **multi-cultural cuisine** that is a hallmark of all Star Cruises' ships.

SuperStar Europe will have a crew of 450, a 50% increase compared to 300 when she was operating as the Europa. The increased crew strength to 1.3 crew per cabin means improved service levels, and longer operating hours for various facilities,” says Mr. Colin Au, President and Chief Executive of Star Cruises.

“Asia-Pacific has most of the best hotels, airlines and airports in the world and we see no reason why the ***SuperStar Europe*** will not regain the title of the “Best Cruise Ship in the World” taking into consideration her generous passenger space ratio of 60 to1 and the crew to cabin ratio of 1.3 to 1 which is 50% more than comparable cruise ships in the world”, he added.

SuperStar Europe will commence her ***Maiden Voyage*** from Singapore to Bangkok calling at Pulau Tioman and Pulau Redang in Malaysia, Ko Samui and the royal retreat town of Hua Hin in southern Thailand commencing September 26 to October 1 1999. She will immediately commence her year-round Indo China cruise itinerary calling at Phu Quoc, Saigon and Son Island in Vietnam and Ko Samui in Thailand.

SuperStar Europe represents a new class of luxury as she will have a single seating concept with dining room capacity of more than 600 seats and similar showroom capacity. She has 3 pools, a health spa with services comparable with the best Thai Spas, large cabins of between 21 sq m and 42 sq m, 2 lounges, 2 bars and many other facilities.

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.

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

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