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**STAR CRUISES INTRODUCES NEW ITINERARIES FOR SUPERSTAR ARIES**  
**IN THAILAND**

Star Cruises, "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific", is pleased to announce new itineraries for the **SuperStar Aries** which is presently homeported in Laem Chabang, Bangkok.

**SuperStar Aries** will offer three cruise departures per week to the islands of Ko Samet, Ko Samui, Ko Chang and Phu Quoc (Vietnam) departing from Laem Chabang.

The **4-Day/3-Night Ko Samet – Ko Samui Cruise** between **July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000** and **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000** will offer destinations in Ko Samet and Ko Samui with a brief stop-over at Ko Kong while the **3-Day/2-Night Ko Chang Cruise** will call at Ko Chang between **July 5<sup>th</sup>** and **October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000**. The third cruise package offered by **SuperStar Aries** is the **3-Day/2-Night Phu Quoc Cruise** with a stopover at picturesque Phu Quoc island in Vietnam, offered between **July 7<sup>th</sup>** and **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000**.

**Star Aquarius** will arrive in Laem Chabang on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2000 to begin cruises for her new cruise season between **October 13<sup>th</sup>** and **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001**. **Star Aquarius** will assume the Indo-China itineraries from Bangkok (Laem Chabang) and will offer **Phu Quoc – Ko Samui Cruise, Ko Chang Cruise** and **Phu Quoc Cruise** which are **4-Day/3-Night** and **3-Day/2-Night** departures respectively.

Star Cruises will continue with itineraries to Vietnam with cruises that call at **Danang** and **Halong Bay** from **SuperStar Leo's** homeport in Hong Kong. **SuperStar Leo's** present schedule offers **6-Day/5-Night** and **4-Day/3-Night** cruises to Sanya, Danang (Vietnam) and Xiamen until September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Beginning **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000** to **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001**,

**SuperStar Leo** will offer **4-Day/3-Night** cruises to Haikou (Xin Xing) and Halong Bay (Vietnam).

The **SuperStar Aries** will be repositioned to Japan. She will leave Laem Chabang on **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000** and is scheduled to arrive in Fukuoka, Japan on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2000.

### **MORE ON STAR AQUARIUS**

The 40,000-grt **Star Aquarius** measures 176m in length and 29m in width with 718 cabins and a lower berth capacity of 1,240 and a passenger capacity of 2,000. The 12-deck **Star Aquarius** offers a host of world-class food and beverage outlets, recreation and entertainment facilities which include amongst others, Thai, Chinese, Japanese and Italian restaurants, karaoke lounges, bars, an international show lounge that seats 550 persons, video arcade, children centre, full-service health club, beauty salon, shopping centre, business and meeting facilities and many more.

Star Cruises is confident that both holiday-makers and meeting planners will find the **Star Aquarius** an exciting and viable vacation or meeting venue option given her myriad onboard facilities and high service quality.

### **MORE ON LAEM CHABANG (BANGKOK), THAILAND**

Not only is this port the gateway to the wonders of Thailand's capital city, it's also your springboard to an exotic cruise of Indo-China. But explore Bangkok first, make your way to its ornate temples, splendid palaces, fascinating streets and floating market. And that's just for starters.

### **MORE ON KO SAMUI, (THAILAND)**

Enjoy a true island escapade, with endless beaches of golden sand, clear blue seas, coral reefs and lots of marine life. Don't forget the watersports, of course as well as the sunbathing and seafood. You'll quickly realise why Ko Samui has been a tropical paradise for so many, for so long.

### **MORE ON KO SAMET, THAILAND**

Part of a national park, Ko Samet is a T-shaped island, measuring only 6km long and 3km wide. The island boasts one of the most beautiful beaches in Thailand with incredible white sands and pristine waters. It is also a popular holiday destination among the local people. Also known as Cajeput Isle after the cejeput tree which grows in abundance here.

### **MORE ON KO CHANG, THAILAND**

Ko Chang is the largest island of the Ko Chang national marine park situated off the eastern seaboard of the Gulf of Thailand. Surrounded with swaying coconut trees and quaint villages, the island has unspoilt beaches and rich flora and fauna. Relaxation is the name of the game here, as this island offers excellent swimming and snorkeling opportunities.

### **MORE ON PHU QUOC ISLAND (VIETNAM)**

With kilometre after glorious kilometre of incredible beaches and crystal-clear waters, this scenic island at the tip of the Gulf of Thailand is blessed indeed. Which is exactly how you'll feel after experiencing its pleasures, including the famous Phu Quoc fish sauce.

### **MORE ON STAR CRUISES**

Following the acquisition of NCL Holdings this year, Star Cruises, "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*", has a combined fleet of 20 ships and over 21,000 lower berths. By 2004, with the five ships currently on order, Star Cruises with NCL will have 25 vessels with about 35,000 lower berths.

Star Cruises also has one of the youngest and most modern cruise fleets in the world with the highest safety standards. Star Cruises is the only cruise line to own a US\$5 million world-class ship simulator in its operational headquarters in Malaysia and together with the Danish Maritime Institute, trains all Star Cruises' officers in addition to a further 500 officers for Maersk Sealand and other shipping lines each year. Star Cruises is the winner of the Third Annual "Salute to Youth and Training 2000" awarded by Lloyd's List and International Maritime Industry in London in March, 2000.

Presently, Star Cruises' 12 ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific with Singapore, Port Klang (Malaysia), Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei, Kobe, Fukuoka, Pusan and Dubai 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, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand); Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Europe (Germany, Norway, Sweden and United Kingdom) and the United States of America. With a number of branches in some countries such as China, India and Australia, Star Cruises is represented in 25 locations worldwide.

The NCL group operates a fleet of eight ships under two brands. **Norwegian Cruise Line**, with six ships, offers mainstream cruises in the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Bermuda, and the Exotics. **Orient Line**, with two ships, offers destination-oriented cruises in Europe in the summer months and worldwide, as far as Antarctica, in the fall-through-spring. Both NCL and Orient Lines market primarily in North America but also extensively in the UK, Europe, South America, and Asia.

Star Cruises' completely new web-site is at [www.starcruises.com](http://www.starcruises.com) which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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