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STAR CRUISES ANNOUNCES IMPROVED ITINERARIES FOR
SUPERSTAR GEMINI'S NEW CRUISE SEASON

Star Cruises, "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" is pleased to announce the itineraries for **SuperStar Gemini's** new cruise season between **March 25th** and **September 30th, 2001**.

For her new cruise season, **SuperStar Gemini**, which is presently homeported in Singapore, will introduce for the first time **Phi Phi Islands** - one of Thailand's most famous tourist destinations – which is a favourite amongst international vacationers. Other ports of call offered in her **8-Day/7-Night Andaman Sea Cruises** include Penang Island, Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur) and Malacca.

SuperStar Gemini is well known for her relaxed and intimate cruising style and was voted *Ship of the Month* for September, 2000 by Nautilus Media and Maritime World Online.

"Star Cruises believes that **SuperStar Gemini** will continue to attract Australian, European and more recently American passengers who prefer an intimate and longer voyage along the Straits of Malacca and the Andaman Sea. Her being voted *Ship of the Month* is a clear testimony to the strong following that **SuperStar Gemini** has built up internationally," said Mr. Chong Chee Tut, Chief Operating Officer of Star Cruises.

"We are pleased that many of the passengers cruising on **SuperStar Gemini** in fact are repeat passengers, all of whom have had positive experiences onboard the ship and have continually come back for more. Cruising on **SuperStar Gemini** is indeed an

experience in itself given the contrasting culture, heritage and sights found in the exotic destinations and islands of the three different countries covered in the cruise.”

“Phi Phi Islands’ reputation as an internationally renowned tourist attraction will also serve as a big draw for cruisers who have yet to experience **SuperStar Gemini**,” added Mr. Chong.

MORE ON SUPERSTAR GEMINI

The 19,000-grt **SuperStar Gemini** was built in 1992 and joined Star Cruises in 1995. She has a capacity for 800 passengers with a crew strength of 470. **SuperStar Gemini** completed her dry-docking exercise in November 1999 at a cost of US\$8 million where her upholstery, furniture, fittings, interiors, décor, floorings and carpets were enhanced with refreshing colours and ambience.

MORE ON PHUKET ISLAND

One of Asia’s most famous islands, Phuket teems with wonderful beaches, sea sports, fascinating Buddhist temples and shrines with locals that are renowned for their gracious hospitality. Tourists will enjoy great daytime shopping bargains and a vibrant nightlife when evening dawns.

MORE ON PHI PHI ISLANDS

Located 40km south of Krabi town, Phi Phi Islands offer breathtaking limestone cliffs and beautiful white sandy beaches. Nature lovers will be enthralled by its emerald seas with rich marine life. Visitors will delight in the exotic local Thai cuisine while taking in the panoramic view of tropical islands

MORE ON PENANG

The “Pearl of the Orient” is a favourite holiday destination amongst tourists. The island is renowned for its delicious local cuisine and fascinating blend of Oriental and colonial charm including heritage buildings. There are also numerous stretches of beaches tucked along the famed Ferringhi coast.

MORE ON PORT KLANG (KUALA LUMPUR)

The capital of Malaysia boasts the world's tallest twin buildings – the Petronas Twin Towers. The cosmopolitan city also offers visitors a charming blend of food, culture and an exotic mix of old and new landmarks. Kuala Lumpur is also shopper's paradise.

MORE ON MALACCA

This ancient port boasts a rich cultural heritage that is immediately evident as one works his way along the narrow streets lined with old shophouses which have been preserved carefully. Tourists can hunt for antique treasures amidst European fortresses and monumental temples with ornate architecture.

MORE ON SINGAPORE

The Lion City is an intriguing kaleidoscope of culture, languages, festivals and cuisine. It has age-old city streets, duty-free shops and absorbing tourist attractions namely the Jurong Bird Park and Sentosa Island.

MORE ON STAR CRUISES

Following the acquisition of NCL Holdings this year, Star Cruises "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" is now the fourth largest cruise line in the world operating a combined fleet of 20 ships with over 20,000 lower berths. By end 2002, with the three ships currently on order, Star Cruises with NCL will have about 28,000 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' 11 ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific with Singapore, Port Klang (Malaysia), Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei, Kobe, Fukuoka and Pusan 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, 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 nine ships under two brands. **Norwegian Cruise Line**, with seven ships, offers mainstream cruises in the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Bermuda, and the Exotics. **Orient Lines**, 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' web-site is at www.starcruises.com which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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