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**STAR CRUISES ANNOUNCES NEW CRUISE SEASON FOR ITS ASIA-PACIFIC
OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FLEET DEPLOYMENT**

Star Cruises, “*The First Global Cruise Line*” and “*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*” today announced the latest fleet deployment changes and the itineraries for its ships positioned in the Asia-Pacific region for the new cruise season from September/October 2001 to March/April 2002.

CHANGES IN STAR CRUISES , NCL AND ORIENT LINES FLEET DEPLOYMENT

SuperStar Aries which was to be transferred to Orient Lines and renamed ***Ocean Voyager*** for worldwide cruising will remain under the Star Cruises fleet in Asia-Pacific with her transfer to Orient Lines delayed.

With the delayed transfer of ***SuperStar Aries***, the ***SS Norway*** which was originally scheduled for deployment in the Asia-Pacific region will now remain in the Norwegian Cruise Line (“NCL”) fleet for the near term. The ***SS Norway*** will return to her Miami base in time for Christmas this year after a drydocking in Germany.

The changes to the Star Cruises and NCL fleet deployment schedule were made in part in response to the anticipated shifts in travel patterns of North American and consumers worldwide over the coming months following the terrible events in New York and Washington recently.

The ***SS Norway***, which was scheduled to replace the ***SuperStar Aries*** after her farewell trans-Atlantic cruises will now continue to operate in a market where she is known and

well accepted. This is evident from the numerous emails and letters from ardent fans to both Star Cruises and NCL for the **SS Norway** which is rich with legacy to remain in Miami. **SS Norway** will return to service in Miami on 23 December, 2001 offering seven-day Eastern Caribbean cruises from Miami to St. Thomas, St. Johns, St. Maarten and NCL's private Bahamian island, Great Stirrup Cay.

In Asia-Pacific, Star Cruises will take delivery of the **Hyundai Kumgang** (formerly **SuperStar Capricorn** and chartered to Hyundai) in November 2001. The itineraries and deployment schedule of the **Hyundai Kumgang** which is the sister ship of **Norwegian Star I** will be announced later.

In the medium term, Star Cruises will concentrate on building up its presence in the cruise ports in the Asia-Pacific region namely, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Keelung (Taiwan) and Fukuoka (Japan) with improved itineraries.

"The delayed reciprocal transfer of **SuperStar Aries** and the **SS Norway** will also allow the Group time to assess the travelling patterns and economic trends in the coming months," commented Dato' KT Lim, Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer of Star Cruises.

STAR CRUISES' ASIA-PACIFIC NEW CRUISE SEASON ITINERARIES.

For the new cruise season from September 2001 to March/April 2002, the itineraries for Star Cruises fleet in Asia-Pacific are as follows:

- In Hong Kong, **SuperStar Leo** will offer 4-Day/3-Night, 3-Day/2-Night and combination 6-Day/5-Night Hong Kong-South China Sea Cruises to Zhanjiang and Haikou (China) and Halong Bay (Vietnam) from her homeport in Hong Kong.
- In Singapore, **SuperStar Virgo** will continue her popular 6-Day/5-Night, 4-Day/3-Night and 3-Day/2-Night Straits of Malacca Cruises to Langkawi Island and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Phuket (Thailand) from her homeport in Singapore.

- **SuperStar Gemini** will continue her exotic 8-Day/7-Night Andaman Sea Cruises calling at Penang, Malacca and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Phi Phi Islands and Phuket (Thailand) from Singapore. The seven-night cruise also includes an overnight stopover in Phuket where cruisers can spend a night to enjoy the vibrant nocturnal attractions of Phuket.

- In Japan, **SuperStar Taurus** offers 4-Day/3-Night and 3-Day/2-Night cruises to Kagoshima, Nagasaki and Fukuoka (Japan) and Busan (Korea) with embarkation from either Fukuoka or Busan.

- In Thailand, **SuperStar Arius** continues to traverse the waters of the Gulf of Thailand calling at Ko Chang, Ko Kut and Ko Samui (Thailand) and Phu Quoc Island (Vietnam) from her homeport in Laem Chabang (Bangkok) offering 4-Day/3-Night, 3-Day/2-Night and combination 6-Day/5-Night cruises.

- **Norwegian Star I** will offer 4-Day/3-Night, 3-Day/2-Night and 2-Day/1-Night West Pacific Cruises to Naha and Ishigaki (Japan) from October 2001 to March 2002. Homeported in Keelung, Taiwan, **Norwegian Star I**, at 28,078-grt is a mid-size luxurious vessel with comprehensive food and beverage, recreation and entertainment facilities.

MORE ON STAR CRUISES

Star Cruises is the fourth largest cruise line in the world operating a combined fleet of 18 ships with over 22,000 lower berths, with cruises to destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean, Bermuda and Antarctica. By end 2002, with the two ships currently on order, Star Cruises with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) will have over 26,000 lower berths. Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices in Australia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

For more information on Star Cruises and NCL, please visit www.starcruiises.com and www.ncl.com

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