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STAR CRUISES LAUNCHES SUPERSTAR GEMINI'S NEW CRUISE SEASON
FROM SHEKOU (SHENZHEN), CHINA AND HONG KONG

Star Cruises, "The First Global Cruise Line" and "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific" is pleased to announce **SuperStar Gemini**'s new cruise season from Shekou and Hong Kong to Halong Bay, Vietnam commencing 21st November 2002 following her return from drydock.

Prior to her deployment in Shekou and Hong Kong, **SuperStar Gemini** was previously positioned in Pyongtaek offering cruises to Dalian and Qingdao during the summer months in the North Asia region.

For the new cruise season from 21st November 2002 onwards, **SuperStar Gemini** will be offering **5-Day/4-Night** cruises to Halong Bay, Vietnam from Shekou with embarkation in Hong Kong and Shekou and **2-Day/1-Night** cruises from Shekou to Hong Kong. **SuperStar Gemini** will also be used for passengers to commute between Shekou and Hong Kong from Tuesdays to Thursdays.

"The positioning of **SuperStar Gemini** in Shekou and Hong Kong fits into Star Cruises' overall strategy to develop the cruise potential of China. Shekou is already a very well known port and recognised as a gateway in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone ("SEZ") – which is one of the fastest growing and most prosperous economic zones in China," said Mr. Chong Chee Tut, Star Cruises' Chief Operating Officer.

"The presence of an international-class cruise ship will further complement Shekou's profile in the world maritime map. Star Cruises looks forward to a successful cruise

season for **SuperStar Gemini**, the advancement of Shekou as an important cruise port and the development of cruise tourism in the sub-region," added Mr. Chong.

SUPERSTAR GEMINI CRUISE SCHEDULE

Day	Port	ETA	ETD
Thursday	Hong Kong Shekou (Shenzhen)	0930 1700	1400 2130
Friday	High Seas	-	-
Saturday	Halong Bay	0800 (0700)	1800 (1700)
Sunday	High Seas	-	-
Monday	Shekou (Shenzhen)	0800	2000
Tuesday	Hong Kong Shekou (Shenzhen)	0930 1700	1400 2000
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() Denotes local Vietnam time



SuperStar Gemini

MORE ON SUPERSTAR GEMINI

SuperStar Gemini was built in 1992 at the Spanish shipyard Union Naval de Lanvante in Valencia for more than US\$100 million. Launched in July 1995, the 19,089-grt ship has a capacity for 788 passengers and 470 crew. **SuperStar Gemini** is an intimate vessel with world-class food and beverage, entertainment and recreation facilities to cater to a variety of age groups.

SuperStar Gemini was recently dry-docked where her facilities and furnishings were enhanced to tailor her for the Chinese market for her new cruise season. Some of the

new facilities include games and meeting room and Internet facilities on Deck 7, new spa and sauna for men and women at Deck 8, karaoke rooms and bar on Deck 5.

MORE ON SHEKOU (SHENZHEN)

Shekou lies on the east bank of the Pearl River and is located only 30km away from Shenzhen – one of the fastest growing cities in China. Visitors will be able to visit "Splendid China" which houses the world's largest miniature scenic park showcasing China's 5,000-year history and featuring more than 80 major Chinese tourist attractions, such as the Great Wall and Terra-cotta warriors and horses from Xian apart from shopping and sightseeing at the local markets and shops.

MORE ON HALONG BAY

Legend has it that Halong Bay was created when a dragon descended upon the sea, its body forming the archipelago of 3,000 islands and rock formations that stud the bay. Its unique natural beauty has earned Halong Bay a listing as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Visitors should follow their sense of adventure and explore the mysterious caves around the bay, savour exotic Vietnamese cuisine

ABOUT STAR CRUISES

Star Cruises is the fourth largest cruise line in the world presently operating a combined fleet of 19 ships with over 24,000 lower berths, with cruises to destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Hawaii, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean, Bermuda and Antarctica under the Star Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, Orient Lines and Cruise Ferries brands. By end 2002, with the delivery of Norwegian Dawn, Star Cruises will have over 26,000 lower berths. Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices in Australia, New Zealand, 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.starcruises.com and www.ncl.com

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