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**STAR CRUISES ANNOUNCES SPECIAL SOUTH EAST ASIAN VOYAGES FOR
SUPERSTAR VIRGO**

Star Cruises, "The First Global Cruise Line" and "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific" is pleased to announce special **South East Asian Voyages** offered by **SuperStar Virgo** for the new cruise season from March – September 2003. SuperStar Virgo is presently based in Singapore.

SuperStar Virgo will offer Andaman Sea, Straits of Malacca and Gulf of Siam cruises to the major South East Asian islands and destinations of Ho Chi Minh City, Bangkok, Phuket, Penang, Kota Kinabalu, Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur) and Ko Samui from Singapore and Port Klang.

SuperStar Virgo will take cruisers on a voyage of discovery along South East Asian waters. Cruisers will be transported to a world of sun-drenched beaches, mystical islands and cosmopolitan yet culture-rich cities where they can relax on the beach, swim in sparkling waters, explore quaint markets, go shopping and savour the myriad of local cuisine.

The special voyages will also include an overnight stay in Ho Chi Minh City, Bangkok and Phuket which will provide cruisers with more time to discover the attractions of these cities.

"In planning these cruises, Star Cruises has considered feedback from our passengers, the relevant tourism bodies and port authorities to develop more creative itineraries in the South East Asia region. We firmly believe that South East Asia is a region with

tremendous tourism appeal stemming from its rich history, beautiful destinations and islands, colourful and mythical cultures and friendly people. Further, with the proximity of the neighbouring countries, the region offers a unique cruise experience where one could visit up to three countries and even more cities on a 7-night cruise and there are a few options to choose from", said Mr. Chong Chee Tut, Star Cruises Chief Operating Officer.

"Cruise tourism is really taking off in South East Asia and I am confident that these itineraries will promote even greater inter and intra-regional travelling within the ASEAN region. As there are limited departures, cruisers are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment by contacting their nearest Star Cruises travel agents," added Mr. Chong.

Cruise Schedules of SuperStar Virgo's Special South East Asian Voyages

Ho Chi Minh City - Kota Kinabalu Cruise (8 Days / 7 Nights)

Day	Destination	Arrival	Departure	Sailing Date Departing on Sunday
Sun	Singapore	-	1600	Mar 30, 2003
Mon	International Waters	-	-	
Tue	Ho Chi Minh City	1300 (1200)	-	
Wed	Ho Chi Minh City	-	1630 (1530)	
Thu	International Waters	-	-	
Fri	Kota Kinabalu	0700	2100	
Sat	International Waters	-	-	
Sun	Singapore	1100	-	

() *Vietnam Local Time*

Kuala Lumpur - Penang - Phuket Cruise (6 Days / 5 Nights)

Day	Destination	Arrival	Departure	Sailing Date Departing on Sunday
Sun	Singapore	-	1800	May 18, 2003
Mon	Port Klang	0900	2000	Jul 20, 2003
Tue	Penang	1000	2100	Aug 17, 2003
Wed	Phuket	1100 (1000)	-	Sep 21, 2003
Thu	Phuket	-	0200 (0100)	
	Port Klang	2200	2359	
Fri	Singapore	1400	-	

() *Thailand Local Time*

Bangkok - Ko Samui Cruise (6 Days / 5 Nights)

Day	Destination	Arrival	Departure	Sailing Date	
				Departing on Sunday	
Sun	Singapore	-	1600	Apr	13, 2003
Mon	International Waters	-	-	Oct	26, 2003
Tue	Bangkok	0800 (0700)	-		
Wed	Bangkok	-	0100 (0001)		
	Ko Samui	1300 (1200)	2300 (2200)		
Thu	International Waters	-	-		
Fri	Singapore	1400	-		

() *Thailand Local Time*

Singapore

This prosperous, ultra-modern city-state still holds many surprises. Explore cultural enclaves like Chinatown, Little India and Arab Street. Visit such attractions as the Jurong Bird Park and Sentosa Island. Or simply head to Orchard Road for world-class shopping. Finally, treat yourself to tea and nostalgia at the Raffles Hotel.

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

What was once Saigon is now a fascinating blend of Oriental and Western influences. Explore the historic Notre Dame Cathedral, the War Remnant Museum, Reunification Hall, majestic pagodas, fishing villages of the Mekong Delta, as well as the famous Chu Chi tunnels.

Ko Samui, Thailand

Golden beaches, sapphire seas, coral reefs and abundant marine life, these are the ingredients that make up a tropical paradise. And you'll find them all at Ko Samui. Plus there are the modern embellishments like water sports, snorkelling and scuba diving. Or explore the island's culture, traditions and cuisine.

Phuket Island, Thailand

Sun-worshippers from all over the world converge on this island to enjoy its beautiful beaches and tropical beauty. Others come to experience Phuket's island hospitality and exotic culture. Here, you'll find ancient temples, exciting elephant rides, shopping galore, exotic Thai cuisine and even exhilarating cabaret shows.

Penang Island, Malaysia

Dubbed the "Pearl of the Orient", Penang Island has so much to offer its visitors: charming colonial architecture, ancient places of worship, tropical fauna and flora, hillside retreats and fantastic beaches. Of course, Penang's haute cuisine, in particular, the hawker fare, is a culinary experience not to be missed.

Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand

The port of Laem Chabang is the gateway to the many exotic destinations in the Gulf of Thailand. But first, take a little time to discover Bangkok. Visit ancient Buddhist temples and palaces, the colourful floating market and more.

Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

Sabah, fondly known as "The Land Below the Wind" is home to Kota Kinabalu. Explore the many wonderful sights that this beautiful city has to offer. From the exquisite Orchid Garden to white water rafting and bargain hunting at the local markets, you would hardly find time to even catch your breath! One stop not to be missed is the Monsopiad Heritage Cultural Village which was once home to Sabah's most feared headhunters.

Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Malaysia

From the Star Cruises terminal in Port Klang, head out to Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. You'll discover a bustling metropolis that uniquely blends the traditional and modern. Kuala Lumpur is also home to the tallest buildings in the world - the Petronas Twin Towers. You will also find that Kuala Lumpur offers exceptional shopping and dining opportunities.

ABOUT STAR CRUISES

Star Cruises is the fourth largest cruise line in the world presently operating a combined fleet of 20 ships with over 26,000 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. 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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