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SUPERSTAR ARIES SETS SAIL FROM SINGAPORE,
WITH NEW ITINERARIES FOR MAY & JUNE 2003

Star Cruises, "*The First Global Cruise Line*" and "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" wishes to announce new itineraries for **SuperStar Aries** departing from Singapore, for the months of May and June 2003. After nearly a month of dry dock at the Sembawang Shipyard, the **SuperStar Aries** has commenced cruises from Singapore to nearby ports in Malaysia since April. From 18 May 2003, she will embark on new voyages to Malacca, Kuantan, Kuala Lumpur, Pulau Tioman and Penang, for a limited period till end June 2003.

In announcing these itineraries, Star Cruises Chief Operating Officer Mr. Chong Chee Tut highlighted the introduction of **SuperStar Aries** to the Singapore market as an option to fill the void created by SuperStar Virgo's current deployment to Perth, Australia which has now been extended till mid-July.

"**SuperStar Aries** serves as an ideal interim option in terms of passenger capacity particularly in this current market environment. We believe that it would take some time for the number of holiday cruisers to return to the levels prior to the deteriorated conditions," added Mr Chong.

SuperStar Aries' has undergone refurbishment and upgrading of facilities during dry dock. The recreational and wellness areas have been further enhanced and now include an indoor jacuzzi pool and reflexology centre, while new private karaoke rooms with the latest sound equipment are added to the Europa Lounge. It should be noted that fresh air is available all over the ship and at the open-space decks. The air-conditioning system operates on a 100% intake of fresh air instead of recycled air.

Since the onset of the atypical pneumonia situation in the region, Star Cruises has been closely monitoring its development and is working with the respective Ministries of Health, Port Health authorities and tourism bodies to arrest the situation. It has taken every proactive and preventive measure within its capacity to ensure the safety of its passengers and crew. Such measures have included, but are not limited to screening and temperature taking of passengers at embarkation, intensified cleaning of public and common areas onboard, donning of face masks by all crew, suspension of shore-leave in selected countries and designating of isolation/quarantine facilities with separate ventilation system for medical emergencies.

MORE ON SUPERSTAR ARIES

SuperStar Aries is a world-class ocean voyager with a rich legacy and was rated as “The Best Cruise Ship in the World in 1997 by the Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising and Cruise Ships. At 37,301 gross tonnes, she has 315 cabins with a lower berth capacity of 611. ***SuperStar Aries*** offers a variety of food and beverage outlets, lounges, entertainment and invigorating recreation options such as indoor and outdoor pools, spa and health centre. Passengers will find her cabins particularly spacious, well-appointed and luxurious.

MORE ON MALACCA, MALAYSIA

Centuries of foreign influence have shaped the unique communities and cultural heritage of this historical city. In the heart of the city, craftsmen and antique dealers ply their trade in turn-of-the-century shophouses. Visit monuments, ruins and other historic buildings, Savour a melange of Chinese and Malay flavours that make Malacca's Peranakan cuisine unique.

MORE ON 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 with a unique blend of traditional and modern lifestyles. 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.

MORE ON PULAU TIOMAN, MALAYSIA

Set amidst the South China Sea, Pulau Tioman beckons the visitor with its white beaches and crystal clear waters. A sense of excitement and mystery pervades the island and visitors will be enchanted by the picturesque beauty of this tropical paradise. Populated by friendly villagers who live an unhurried lifestyle, Pulau Tioman has a way of making your troubles seem like a thousand miles away.

MORE ON PENANG, MALAYISA

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.

MORE ON KUANTAN, MALAYSIA

Kuantan is a modern town and is the capital of Pahang Darul Makmur, a beautiful state in the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Here, you escape the hustle of modern city life and yet enjoy all the trappings of modern living. Kuantan town is about 6km across with a beautiful Kuantan Mosque in the centre of town, and several big departmental stores. It also has many idyllic beaches especially that of Teluk Cempeak, located about 10 minutes from Kuantan Town.

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 the Antarctica under the Star Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, Orient Lines & 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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