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STAR CRUISES GEARS UP FOR HOMECOMING CRUISES.
REPOSITIONING CRUISES GO ON SALE

Star Cruises, "The First Global Cruise Line" and "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific" wishes to announce the redeployment of SuperStar Leo and SuperStar Virgo from Australia to their original homeports of Hong Kong and Singapore respectively. The vessels are scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on 31st July 2003 and Singapore on 20th July 2003 respectively. Festivities are presently being planned to celebrate the ships' homecoming.

SuperStar Leo and SuperStar Virgo were deployed to Australia during the height of the SARS situation in Asia and have todate successfully conducted cruises with zero incidence of SARS or suspected SARS due to the strong measures taken by the company, stringent onboard procedures as well as strict compliance to guidelines set out by the authorities.

"The temporary deployment to Australia has been very successful and we are grateful for the support of the Australian authorities, travel agents, media and customers who have been very hospitable and receptive towards our ships. The sold-out cruises on many of the departures spoke volumes about our product and standing in the eyes of the public," said Star Cruises Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Chong Chee Tut.

"As SARS subsides in Hong Kong, Singapore and regionally in Asia, I believe that the ships' return will provide a bright spark to ignite the cruise tourism industry which has been in inertia for the last three months. While it has been a very trying period for all of us, we are confident that the cruise and tourism industry will pick up again," added Mr. Chong.

Homecoming Cruises from Australia to Hong Kong and Singapore

SuperStar Leo will depart Sydney on 19th July 2003 with stops in CID Harbour, Cairns and Darwin and is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on 31st July 2003.

SuperStar Virgo will depart Fremantle on 11th July 2003 with stops in Broome and Darwin and is scheduled to arrive in Singapore on 20th July 2003. Upon her return, SuperStar Virgo will embark on a special cruise to Port Klang, Penang Island and Phuket Island.

The special relocation-cum-homecoming voyages from Australia are open for sale to members of the public who can contact their travel agents for full details of the cruises.



Asia's largest floating resorts to return to Hong Kong and Singapore

ABOUT STAR CRUISES

Star Cruises, the third largest cruise line in the world is a global cruise brand 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.

The *Pride of America* - the first of the two Project America vessels - is presently under construction at the Lloyd Werft shipyard in Germany. The 81,000-grt and 2,100 lower berth vessel is expected to commence Hawaii inter-island cruising next year with a "Best of America" theme. The second Project America vessel, which is currently sailing as Norwegian Sky will be renamed Pride of Aloha and will reflect a strong Hawaiian theme which will be accomplished after a refurbishment in September 2004. Both ships will sail under NCL's new US-flag brand - *NCL America*sm.

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.starcruiises.com and www.ncl.com

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