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SUPERSTAR LEO ARRIVES IN FREMANTLE TO BEGIN CRUISE ITINERARIES IN AUSTRALIA
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Star Cruises the Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific today announced the **maiden arrival** of **SuperStar Leo** in the Port of Fremantle, Western Australia at 10.00 am local time. About 700 passengers disembarked the ship upon arrival on a special relocation cruise from Hong Kong with a stopover in Singapore.

Fremantle is the first port of call in Australia that will see **SuperStar Leo** offer a combination of 3-day/2-night, 4-day/3-night, 5-day/4- night, 8-day/7-night and 10-day/9-night cruise itineraries to 15 destinations within Australian waters over a period of about three months as part of a seasonal deployment strategy for some of Star Cruises ships.

These cruises span the continent, from Fremantle on the west coast, across the Great Australian Bight to Adelaide and Melbourne; south to Hobart, Tasmania and then north along the east coast to Sydney, Brisbane and Cairns. **SuperStar Leo** will also cruise from Brisbane to the South Pacific islands of Fiji, New Caledonia and the Isle of Pines in Noumea. The Australian programme, which coincides with the Australian summer, is part of a larger fleetwide 2004 itinerary plan aimed at providing more cruise options for vacationers.

SuperStar Leo's maiden call to Fremantle was marked by a simple plaque exchange ceremony attended by the Western Australia Minister for Tourism, Mr Bob Kucera onboard the ship. Also present were the Mayor of Fremantle; the CEO of the City of Fremantle and representatives from Fremantle Ports, the Harbour Master, Western Australia Tourism and the media.

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SuperStar Leo will return to Hong Kong from Darwin on 16 March 2004 via Singapore and Hue, Vietnam on 21 and 24 March 2004 respectively.

ABOUT SUPERSTAR LEO

SuperStar Leo, at 76,800-grt is the first and largest megaship in Asia-Pacific with 980 cabins and a lower berth capacity of 1,960. **SuperStar Leo** offers world-class food and beverage, entertainment and recreation facilities including a swimming pool, bars and pubs, restaurants, karaoke, disco, library, cinema, hair and beauty salon, meeting rooms, international show lounge and sports deck to name a few. **SuperStar Leo** is also a triple winner of the 1999 ShipPax Awards for her outstanding cruise sun decks, saloons and cabins.



SuperStar Leo

ABOUT STAR CRUISES

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

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