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***STAR CRUISES FURTHER EXTENDS AMENDED ITINERARIES***  
***Positive Guests Comments Alleviate Anxiety on Cruising on Amended Itineraries***

Star Cruises wishes to inform that the amended itineraries for ***SuperStar Virgo's*** and ***SuperStar Gemini's*** respective **3-night cruises** will be temporarily extended further to **sailings on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> January and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2005.**

This is in relation to the amendment of both ships' itineraries where calls to Phuket have been cancelled since 27<sup>th</sup> December 2004 following the *tsunami* catastrophe.

With the latest extension, Star Cruises would have cancelled calls to Phuket for 4 weeks.

Star Cruises will continue to monitor the situation in Phuket for the next two weeks, at the end of which the Company will announce the changes accordingly.

Passengers who are currently cruising on ***SuperStar Virgo*** and ***SuperStar Gemini*** on the amended itineraries are safe. The cruise and shore excursion activities in Langkawi and Penang have been smooth and incident-free as areas damaged by the *tsunami* are isolated. Both ships are expected to arrive in Singapore and Port Klang tomorrow as scheduled.

A recent guest comment survey conducted onboard ***SuperStar Virgo*** and ***SuperStar Gemini*** sailing on the amended itineraries, in the wake of the recent *tsunami* disaster, has garnered very positive comments by guests from Singapore, England, Australia, Philippines, India, Malaysia, Mauritius and South Africa.

The majority of respondents, many of whom had cruised more than once with Star Cruises and also on other leading cruise lines were duly impressed with the levels of service, facilities and amenities found onboard.

Of interest is the high confidence that the guests expressed with regards to the many safety aspects of the cruise and did not feel that they were in any danger. Most were impressed with the passenger drills conducted prior to sailing, the safety standards practised onboard, the safety features that ***SuperStar Virgo*** and ***SuperStar Gemini*** are equipped with and the confidence with which the crew performed their safety tasks.

The survey also revealed a consistency in terms of peace of mind that guests enjoyed during the cruise and appreciated the reason for the change in itinerary.

Some of our guests' comments:

*"It's wonderful. I enjoy the activities, food, services and shows. I have planned to shop in Phuket but am glad because safety comes first"*, Anthony Chew, Singapore, **SuperStar Virgo**.

*"A little bit disappointed (with change in itinerary) but the unfortunate situation and changes is appreciated"*, Thomas Wong, Hong Kong, **SuperStar Gemini**.

*"Fantastic. It (change in itinerary) was not a problem. Penang was good"*, Luciano Metti, Australia, **SuperStar Virgo**.

*"So far the cruise has been fantastic, as the chosen destinations (Langkawi and Penang) were great"*, Carrie Wong, Australia, **SuperStar Gemini**.

*"Langkawi was very nice indeed"*, P. Sanderson, England, **SuperStar Virgo**.

*"Exceeded all expectations"*, Sharon L. Holmes, South Africa, **SuperStar Virgo**.

*"Yes, we enjoyed (shore excursion in Langkawi/Penang) and the situation is fine. The trip was excellent. We enjoyed immensely. Keep up the good work"*, Manish Thakul, India, **SuperStar Gemini**.

*"No, we did not encounter any discomfort or fear to discourage cruises to these areas (Penang and Langkawi). As a matter of fact we have already pre-booked our next two trips to these ports of call"*, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Chai, Singapore, **SuperStar Virgo**.

When asked whether they felt they were in danger while on the cruise:

*"No, did not feel any danger"*, Brigitte Muirhead, Australia, **SuperStar Virgo**.

*"Not a single moment"*, Cecilia Barrientos, Philippines, **SuperStar Virgo**.

*"I didn't feel that I was in any danger and I felt I was in safe hands"*, Jhangian Kishore, United Kingdom, **SuperStar Virgo**.

### **SuperStar Virgo – ex-Singapore**

#### **Amended Itinerary Effective for departures on Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2005**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>ETA</b>	<b>ETD</b>
Sunday	Singapore	-	1600
Monday	Penang	1200	2000
Tuesday	Langkawi	0900	1800
Wednesday	Singapore	1900	2359
Thursday	Malacca Port Klang	0700 1400	0900 2300
Friday	Singapore	1400	2100
Saturday		-	-
Sunday	Singapore	1100	-

Passengers on **SuperStar Virgo's** amended 3-night cruise itineraries (Sunday – Wednesday) will continue to be accorded a Dining Credit of SGD100 per cabin as a gesture of goodwill.

## **SuperStar Gemini – ex-Port Klang**

### **Amended Itinerary Effective for departures on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2005**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>ETA</b>	<b>ETD</b>
Sunday	Port Klang	-	1500
Monday	Langkawi	0800	1800
Tuesday	Penang	0800	1800
Wednesday	Port Klang	1000	2000
Thursday	Langkawi	1100	2000
Friday	Port Klang	1200	2100
Saturday	Port Klang	1000	2000
Sunday	Port Klang	1000	-

Passengers on **SuperStar Gemini's** 3-night cruise itinerary (Sunday - Wednesday) will also continue to enjoy complimentary transfers to town in Penang and Langkawi.

*All passengers booked on the above cruises are advised to check with their travel/booking agents on any amendment conditions.*

Star Cruises will remain vigilant monitoring the situation as it unfolds and will update our guests and travel partners accordingly of any further changes.

**Relatives and friends of passengers are once again advised that they may contact their respective travel agents or the nearest Star Cruises office or visit [www.starcruiises.com](http://www.starcruiises.com) for further updates and advisories.**

### **ABOUT STAR CRUISES**

Star Cruises, the third largest cruise line in the world is a global cruise brand with a combined fleet of 20 ships in service and under construction with over 29,000 lower berths, cruising 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, NCL America, Orient Lines and Cruise Ferries brands.

Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices in Australia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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