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STAR CRUISES RETURNS TO PHUKET IN MARCH 2005

Star Cruises, “The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific” in Asia-Pacific, is pleased to announce that **SuperStar Virgo** and **SuperStar Gemini** will resume their respective **3-night cruises** that call at Phuket starting from 6 March 2005.

The cruises to Phuket had been temporarily replaced by calls to Langkawi and Penang following the *tsunami* catastrophe.

Star Cruises has just completed a 3-day educational tour of the island of Phuket and the surrounding islands with a group of 47 international media and travel agents from 6 countries namely Singapore, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Hong Kong. The tour was co-organised with the Tourism Authority of Thailand (“TAT”).

Highlights of the tour included visits to key attractions on the island that are offered to passengers on Star Cruises’ ships that call weekly at Phuket. Members of the media and travel agents were able to observe firsthand the return to normalcy in terms of restoration work on the few affected areas as well as the island being a safe destination.

“We are very pleased to be able to work with TAT on this tour which served as an educational and informative opportunity for members of the media and trade to get a first hand look at the return to normalcy in Phuket after the tsunami disaster”, said Mr. Chong Chee Tut, Chief Operating Officer of Star Cruises.

“Phuket is also a popular destination for our cruise passengers and we firmly believe that the return of Star Cruises’ ships to Phuket will reinforce the TAT’s tremendous efforts to stimulate the return of cruise tourists and increase tourism arrivals to the island,” Mr. Chong added.

SuperStar Virgo- ex Singapore

Itinerary from 6th March 2005

Day	Destination	ETA	ETD
Sunday	Singapore	-	1600
Monday	Penang	1200	2000
Tuesday	Phuket	0800 (0700)	1800 (1700)
Wednesday	Singapore	1900	2359
Thursday	Malacca Port Klang	0700 1400	0900 2300
Friday	Singapore	1400	2100
Saturday	Highsea	-	-
Sunday	Singapore	1100	-

SuperStar Gemini – ex-Port Klang

Itinerary from 6th March 2005

Day	Destination	ETA	ETD
Sunday	Port Klang	-	1500
Monday	Phuket	1400 (1300)	-
Tuesday	Phuket	-	0200 (0100)
Wednesday	Port Klang	1000	2000
Thursday	Langkawi	1100	2000
Friday	Port Klang	1200	2100
Saturday	Port Klang	1000	2000
Sunday	Port Klang	1000	-

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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