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### **STAR CRUISES ENTERS NEPAL MARKET**

Star Cruises, The Leading Cruise Line in Asia –Pacific, has entered the Nepal market which is a viable choice as a potential market for cruise travelers. This follows from the encouraging response in the Indian market that the Company has experienced. The Company has appointed two Preferred Sales Agents in Nepal and marketing and sales will continue to be driven out of its New Delhi office.

Star Cruises intends to tap into the substantial base of travellers in Nepal and present them with the option of a world-class cruising experience in addition to destination-oriented travel.

“The introduction of Star Cruises’ products in Nepal stems from our confidence in the growing tourism sector in Nepal where the appetite for outbound travel has witnessed growth in recent years. In particular, the potential of developing cruise tourism in the country is significant given the growing awareness and demand for cruise holidays”, said Mr. Sumit Banerji, Star Cruises Sales & Marketing Manager, North & East India.

Star Cruises will be showcasing its products, the SuperStar Libra and the SuperStar Virgo at the NATTA (Nepal Association Of Tour & Travel Agents) Travel Fair on 13 & 14 May 2005 held in Kathmandu, Nepal.

#### **More on SuperStar Libra**

Formerly known as Norwegian Sea under the NCL brand, SuperStar Libra is a 42,000 gross-tonne ship with 740 well-appointed cabins with a passenger capacity of 1,480 lower berths. Measuring 216m long and 28m wide, she has 8 restaurants and bars, 7 entertainment outlets, meeting facilities and a host of sports, health and recreational facilities. SuperStar Libra is the first of 6 ships that will be progressively transferred over to the Star Cruises Asia fleet. With Mumbai as its home port from September 2005, SuperStar Libra will sail on regular 4-night cruises to Lakshadweep and Goa, 2-night cruises to Goa plus 1-night weekend getaway cruises on the high seas as the third option. There will also be special cruises to Kochi and Goa.

### **More on SuperStar Virgo**

SuperStar Virgo is a 76,800 gross-tonne ship with 980 well-appointed cabins with a passenger capacity of 1960 lower berths. Measuring 268m long and 32m wide, she has 10 restaurants and bars, 7 entertainment outlets, meeting facilities and a host of sports, health and recreational facilities.

Based out of Singapore, the SuperStar Virgo sails to Phuket, Penang and Kuala Lumpur with special sailings to Bangkok and Ko Samui.

### **About Star Cruises**

Star Cruises, the third largest cruise line in the world is a global cruise brand with a combined fleet of 22 ships in service and due to be delivered, with more than 35,000 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, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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