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**STAR CRUISES ADDS EUROPEAN ITINERARIES FOR THE FIRST TIME**  
**SUPERSTAR LIBRA TO BE DEPLOYED FROM MUMBAI**

Star Cruises, The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific is pleased to announce that for the very first time it will have a ship based in the Eastern Mediterranean during the summer 2006 season. Currently sailing from the homeport of Mumbai , India , the 1,480-passenger capacity SuperStar Libra will reposition to the homeport of Valletta , Malta in June 2006.

The deployment to the Eastern Mediterranean follows from SuperStar Libra's season in India which ends in May 2006. To dovetail with the Eastern Mediterranean deployment, her season in India will be extended from end April to late May 2006. SuperStar Libra will then proceed with her relocation cruise on 21 May 2006 from Mumbai with showcases at Dubai and Bahrain before arriving at her homeport of Valletta , Malta on 6 June 2006.

"Going forward, as part of our fleet deployment and product development strategy, we have identified SuperStar Libra as the vessel to be based in Eastern Mediterranean and marks the expansion of the Star Cruises brand into further international markets backed by the Asian –style hospitality that we are well-known for", said Mr. Chong Chee-Tut, Star Cruises' Chief Operating Officer.

"The summer 2006 deployment will offer more interesting and different itineraries and from an international point of view, Star Cruises will also be selling the SuperStar Libra Eastern Mediterranean cruises in its core markets in Asia-Pacific and the Middle East in addition to the European market. This is part of Star Cruises' ongoing strategy to contribute to the growth of the international cruise market by increasing the awareness of cruising in the Mediterranean to a wider base", added Mr. Chong.

SuperStar Libra's seasonal deployment in India is from October to May during which sea and weather conditions are more ideal. "Bearing in mind the monsoon season on the west coast of India in the summer months, Star Cruises has been evaluating the viability of various options before arriving at the decision. Further, her being based in Mumbai has facilitated the decision as the deployment distance has been reduced and fits in with the company's deployment strategy timelines and objectives", added Mr. Chong.

SuperStar Libra will be the first ever ship in the Star Cruises Asian fleet to operate in Europe . Most cruises will depart from the homeport of Malta and Star Cruises has

received exceptional support from both the Prime Minister and the Tourism Minister of Malta in developing these itineraries.

“The decision to homeport the ship in Malta stems from the conducive port conditions and strategic location for Star Cruises to plan interesting and appealing itineraries in the Eastern Mediterranean”.

Ports of call on the new Eastern Mediterranean cruises are scheduled to include Rome (Civitavecchia), La Spezia (for Florence and Pisa), Olbia, Naples, Venice and Messina (Sicily) in Italy; Athens (Piraeus), Santorini, Corfu and Crete in Greece; Valetta in Malta; Istanbul and Izmir in Turkey; Dubrovnik in Croatia; and Alexandria in Egypt.

Cruises available in the Eastern Mediterranean will range from seven to 12-nights and Star Cruises is currently working closely with travel partners, such the Maltese Tourism Board, tour operators, cruise specialist agents and airlines, to ensure these new cruises are on sale from early 2006.

In line with all other Star Cruises ships, the SuperStar Libra will feature an Asian flavour onboard. In addition to Asian restaurants, the ship will retain the high standards of Asian warmth and hospitality in all aspects of service. The ship features a range of leisure facilities including swimming pool and jacuzzis, outdoor golf driving range, basketball court, jogging track, fully equipped gym with sauna, beauty salon, children’s play room and karaoke lounge.

The SuperStar Libra was transferred to the Star Cruises fleet from the NCL fleet in summer 2005. The move was the first of five further mid-size ship transfers from NCL to Star Cruises. NCL and Orient Lines are part of the Star Cruises Group.

### **About 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**

**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 about 35,000 lower berths, cruising to destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, South Asia, 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, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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