

# SuperStar Aquarius To Join Star Cruises Asian Fleet In Hong Kong.

**19 May 2006** - Star Cruises, the Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific, today announces the positioning of the latest addition to its fleet, SuperStar Aquarius to Hong Kong after the completion of her season in Hawai'i in Spring 2007. Now known as Norwegian Wind, the 50,760-gross tonne cruise ship will be the largest and most modern to be sailing on regular cruises out of Hong Kong in 2007. The ship has been extensively refurbished, remodeled and expanded in 1998.

The arrival of SuperStar Aquarius will undoubtedly provide a fresh cruise experience in the Hong Kong and Asian markets as the 2,000 passenger capacity vessel with her stylish design, will be offering a greater choice of outlets and facilities, bigger cabins and suites and a host of exciting onboard features that will be customised to suit Asian tastes.

This latest addition will enable Star Cruises to further consolidate its lead in growing the cruise market in Hong Kong where Star Cruises has been operating since 1994. This is in line with the strategy of continuing with the expansion of its Asian fleet with more modern and medium-sized capacity vessels in order to meet growing demand in Asia.

“Being the first to offer year-round cruises in Asia and our understanding of Asian cruiser tastes has provided us with the confidence of being able to deliver according to expectations. Winning the "Best Cruise Operator in Asia-Pacific" award for a record eighth time is testimony to that understanding”, said Mr. Chong Chee-Tut, Star Cruises' Chief Operating Officer. “The introduction of this large and modern cruise ship to Hong Kong will appeal to a market that has come to expect a product of a certain level of standard from Asia's leading cruise line”.

The SuperStar Aquarius has sailed all over the world as the Norwegian Wind under Norwegian Cruise Line including Europe, Alaska, Hawai'i , Asia and Australia/New Zealand. In Hong Kong, she will offer daily one-night and weekly destination cruises. Details of the itineraries will be announced shortly.

The introduction of SuperStar Aquarius, will bring the total to three ships positioned in Hong Kong, including Star Pisces and Wasa Queen operating under the Star Cruises and Cruise Ferries brands respectively.

## **More on SuperStar Aquarius**

Built in France, the 50,760-gross tonne SuperStar Aquarius, has a lower berth passenger capacity of 1,520 with 10 guest decks and various categories of spacious well-appointed suites and cabins including a number of balcony cabins. Measuring 230 metres long and 28.6 metres wide, she has a wide range of restaurants featuring a selection of cuisine from around the world, bars and lounges – each with a style all its own - meeting facilities and 2 swimming pools. The restaurants, the lounges and even the fitness centre present panoramic views of the open sea. In almost every stateroom there is a picture window or a floor-to-ceiling window. There are also a host of sports,

health and recreational facilities.

### **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 including 2 to be delivered, with about 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, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America.