

Star Cruises Showcases SuperStar Libra In Dubai And Bahrain Enroute To Summer Deployment in the Eastern Mediterranean.



SuperStar Libra

24 May 2006 - Star Cruises, the Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific announces the arrival of SuperStar Libra in Dubai today. This is the first of two calls to showcase the ship in the Middle East which continues to experience an increased awareness in cruising with places like Dubai having developed a world class international cruise terminal.

The calls are part of SuperStar Libra's relocation cruise from Mumbai, India to Valletta, Malta where she will be home-ported this summer offering an interesting diversity of cruises to destinations in Italy, Greece, Croatia, Turkey and Egypt.

The 42,000-gross tonne vessel berthed at the Dubai Cruise Terminal at 12.30pm this afternoon for an overnight call before departing for Bahrain on 25 May 2006.

This afternoon's event was attended by more than 450 invited guests comprising members of the travel trade, corporates, government and port officials and media who embarked the ship for a special welcome ceremony, reception and a preview of the ship.

"Star Cruises has been actively promoting cruises in the Middle Eastern markets and will continue to do so in the region which are ideally situated between Europe and Asia", said Mr. Chong Chee-Tut, Star Cruises Chief Operating Officer. "The showcases provide the travel industry in the region an opportunity to view the facilities and accommodation that a ship like SuperStar Libra has to offer its guests and we are also deeply appreciative of the support extended by our travel partners in promoting our cruises", he added.

SuperStar Libra's inaugural season in the Eastern Mediterranean now offers holiday-makers from the Middle East the added option to cruise either in Europe or Asia. They can opt for a range of 7 to 13 night cruises to a host of interesting destinations along the east and west coasts of Italy, the islands of Greece, Croatia, Turkey and Egypt or a choice of exciting itineraries in Asia on SuperStar Virgo.

Mr. Chong added, “Holiday-makers on SuperStar Libra will also have the flexibility of embarking the ship in Rome, Venice, Valletta or Istanbul via a choice of flycruise options from the Middle East”.

SuperStar Libra is scheduled to arrive in Bahrain on 26 May at 7.30 in the morning where a similar showcase with about 150 guests will be held. The ship will depart Bahrain at night on the final leg of her relocation cruise and arrive in Valletta, Malta on 6 June 2006.

More on SuperStar Libra

SuperStar Libra is a 42,000 gross-tonne ship with 740 well-appointed cabins with 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.

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.