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**MAIDEN ARRIVAL OF SUPERSTAR GEMINI IN KRABI, THAILAND**

Star Cruises, “*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*”, is pleased to announce the maiden arrival of **SuperStar Gemini** in Krabi, Thailand this morning to a welcome ceremony courtesy of the Krabi Governor’s office.

**SuperStar Gemini** is currently on its first 7-night Straits of Malacca cruise from Singapore with Krabi as the third destination. She arrived with about 500 passengers mostly from Australasia. Passengers disembarking for shore tours were greeted with traditional flower garlands. Special traditional welcomes have also been planned courtesy of tourism bodies of Malaysia and Thailand to greet guests upon arrival in Phuket and Penang.

In conjunction with her maiden arrival, a special plaque exchange ceremony was held onboard witnessed by senior officials from the Krabi Governor’s office, Krabi Provincial Administrative Organisation, Immigration, Tourism Association, members of the media and senior Star Cruises officers. Following a lunch, the guests went on a tour of **SuperStar Gemini** for a first-hand look at the ship.

**SuperStar Gemini**’s itineraries are a combination of 7 and 21-night cruises to destinations such as Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur), Langkawi, Penang, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching in Malaysia, Krabi, Phuket, Ko Samui and Bangkok in Thailand, Sihanoukville in the Khmer Republic (formerly Cambodia), Ho Chi Minh City, Nha Trang, Halong Bay and Danang in Vietnam.

Thailand remains a very popular destination with Star Cruises’ passengers and in line with efforts to offer more interesting itineraries, Star Cruises has added Krabi, another exotic destination to SuperStar Gemini’s itinerary apart from Phuket.

The introduction of longer itineraries have been designed to provide a more relaxing cruise holiday to cater to more sophisticated cruise passengers on a ship that has proved to be very popular with the Australasian and European markets.

“The active fly-cruise market into Singapore will now see an added flow of inbound tourists with the basing of a second Star Cruises ship here as we intensify our international sales and marketing efforts to promote these cruises”, said Mr.Chong Chee-Tut , Star Cruises Chief Operating Officer.

“Apart from the many itineraries on offer, cruisers now have a choice of a cruise holiday on the larger SuperStar Virgo or a more intimate destination-intensive cruise experience on SuperStar Gemini“, he added.

Guests can expect a new and exciting onboard experience in terms of dining and recreation facilities with the ship having undergone a two week dry-dock exercise in preparation for the new itineraries. A varied entertainment programme with new classical and contemporary acts is also among the highlights specially arranged.

The entertainment line-up will also see the return of the extremely popular award winning Colin Kerr as Cruise Director. His unique brand of witty humour, talent, spontaneity and stage presence has wowed audiences on Star Cruises ships previously before he moved to Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) for a brief stint where he won the award for NCL's Best Cruise Director of the Year award in 2004.

### **More on SuperStar Gemini**

The ***SuperStar Gemini*** offers guests the best in comprehensive facilities, entertainment, recreation activities coupled with informality and flexibility for the discerning modern holiday-maker. Apart from its 400 cabins, the cruise vessel is also equipped with six restaurants and bars, a swimming pool, hair salon, spa, karaoke rooms, and many more that will cater to all types of passengers, young and old, singles and family makers.



***SuperStar Gemini***

**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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