



## STAR CLIPPERS

### **STAR CLIPPERS ADDS 40 NEW PORTS TO WORLD-WIDE ITINERARIES IN 2010**

#### **Maiden calls in Costa Rica, the Far East and Med**

MIAMI (August, 2009) — During the 2010 sailing season, Star Clippers will make an astounding 40 maiden calls throughout the world on its three tall sailing ships. Repositioning Star Flyer back to the Mediterranean for the summer months and then to Costa Rica for its inaugural sailing season will introduce 33 maiden calls alone.

In addition to Costa Rica, Star Clippers is maintaining it's core itineraries in the Caribbean, Mediterranean and the Far East, with several maiden calls complementing guest favorites and proven popular ports.

"Given the current market conditions, we wanted to freshen up our itineraries so that both our loyal past guests and new Star Clippers cruisers would have exciting reasons to select a Star Clippers sailing adventure in 2010," said Mikael Krafft, owner and president of Star Clippers. "I wanted to introduce our guests to more of my favorite ports that I have been fortunate enough to visit while sailing with my family, and these maiden calls truly are spectacular."

**Star Flyer returns to the Med and makes its debut in Costa Rica**

Star Flyer makes its way back to the Mediterranean from Tahiti with a 34-night voyage from Papeete, Tahiti, to Balboa, Panama. The ship will make maiden calls at Hiva Oa and Nuku Hiva in the Marquesas Islands before heading east across the Pacific. Cocos Islands, Costa Rica, and Pearl Islands, Panama, will welcome Star Clippers for the first time on the cruise, as well as several other already-visited ports.

Star Flyer returns to the Mediterranean in May 2010 with spectacular new seven-night itineraries between Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Cannes, France, or round-trip Monte Carlo. The cruises call at a variety of ports throughout Italy and France, including favorites such as St. Tropez, France; Portofino, Italy; Bonifacio, Corsica, and Portoferraio, Elba. Two maiden calls debut on the itineraries: Sanary-sur-Mer, France, and Lerici, Italy.

In July and August, Star Flyer moves east offering a series of seven-night, round-trip Rhodes, Greece, cruises. The new itineraries take the ship throughout Greece and venture into Turkey's "Blue Voyage" region — famous for its stunning beauty and heavy yachting activity. All of the ports are maiden with the exception of a few favorites. The new off-the-beaten-path calls include Olympus, Antalya, Kemer, Kekova, Fethiye, Gocek and Marmaris, Turkey, and in Greece the ship calls at Kastellorizon and Simi for the first time. The 14-night cruises between Monaco and Rhodes in July and August also introduce the ports of Amorgos and Elafonisos, Greece.

In October the ship repositions from the Med back across the Atlantic. The 14-night Panama Canal sailing from Barbados to Balboa

includes three maiden calls: Bonaire, and Porlamar and Blanquilla in Venezuela.

Come November 2010, Star Flyer will sail two seven-night, round-trip itineraries from Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica. The itineraries mark the first time Star Clippers has deployed a vessel in this region, making every stop a maiden port.

The first itinerary calls at San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; and Santa Rosa Natural Park, Curu Nature Reserve, Samara, Puerto Carrillo and Islas Tortugas, Costa Rica. The second itinerary calls at Isla Coiba, Panama; and Golfito, Isla del Cano, Drake's Bay, Quepos and Islas Tortugas, Costa Rica.

#### [Star Clippers introduces Myanmar itinerary in Far East](#)

Star Clipper returns to the Mediterranean in May 2010 with the popular seven-night round-trip Athens cruises. Milos and Tinos, Greece, make their debut, along with other maiden calls also offered on Star Flyer. The ship sails 10- and 11-night cruises between Venice, Italy, and Athens, as well.

Come winter Star Clipper makes its way back to the Far East and sails two itineraries between Singapore and Phuket, Thailand. The ship also sails its two seven-night, round-trip Phuket itineraries, yet for 2010 the line has added an exciting third itinerary including five maiden calls at Myanmar in the Mergui Archipelago: Bo Cho, Ko Phawt, Nyaung, Shark Island and Great Swinton Island.

**Star Clipper Cruises are available from:**

**Nov. 21, 2009 – Mar. 13, 2010 & Nov. 21, 2010 - Mar. 12, 2011**

**Royal Clipper sails the Med and Caribbean with three new ports**

Following a trans-Atlantic crossing, Royal Clipper will sail a 12-night cruise from Malaga, Spain, to Civitavecchia, Italy, in April 2010 introducing the port of Puerto Banus, Spain. The ship will then resume its seven-night round-trip Civitavecchia itineraries and its 10- and 11-night cruises between Venice and Civitavecchia that call at ports throughout Italy, Croatia, Greece and Montenegro.

The ship's 16-night westbound trans-Atlantic crossing from Lisbon to Barbados in October 2010 offers a maiden call at Essauira, Morocco. The ship will then sail the popular seven-night, round-trip Barbados itineraries during the winter and spring that call at popular island jewels including St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Martinique, Granada, Bequia and Dominica. are open now.

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