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The Port of Galveston Welcomes *The World*

Galveston Is Part of the Round-the-World Cruise Itinerary

Galveston, Texas...January 10, 2006...On Monday, January 16, 2006, the Port of Galveston will welcome *The World*, the only private residential community at sea with a continuous worldwide itinerary.

“The Port of Galveston is excited to be part of the limited, port-of-call package being offered by ResidenSea Ltd. for this unique cruise concept,” said Steven M. Cernak, Port Director of the Port of Galveston. “In less than four years after the delivery of the ship, ResidenSea selected Galveston to be included in the 2006 itinerary for *The World*. Galveston is one of only four ports in the continental U.S. to be part the 2006 schedule. We feel this speaks well of our recognition in the cruise industry and of our growth over the past four and a half years as Galveston is ranked as the #12 cruise port in the world.”

The World will arrive at the Port of Galveston on Monday, January 16, 2006 for a three-day visit as part of its U.S. itinerary which also includes visits at Key West and Tampa. Later in February, San Diego is added to the U.S. itineraries.

According to ResidenSea, *The World* visits varied locales across the globe, with a focus on extended stays of an average 2.5 days in port in the most interesting destinations for in-depth exploration. The 2006 port visits begin in San Juan, Puerto Rico in January 2006 and continue through three U.S. ports before visits to several ports in Mexico and Central America and continuing to Hawaii. Then the ship proceeds to Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and China through mid-year. Visits to the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, French Polynesia and South America complete the year.

Maximum capacity of *The World* is 657 persons with an estimated average occupancy of 200 residents and guests in 106 spacious private apartments, 19 studio apartments and 40 studios. The crew is made up of 250 experienced seafarers and hospitality staff.

The ship is 644.2 ft in length and 97.8 ft in width. Twelve decks include such amenities as a hair and beauty salon, gift boutiques, and a gourmet market and delicatessen. Four major restaurants are available in addition to a diverse selection of lounges and bars for residents, and guests may cook for themselves in apartment kitchens. Cultural facilities include a library, exhibitions of fine art and private collections and local crafts. Health and fitness facilities include swimming pools, a full-size tennis court, golf facilities, a jogging track and a retractable marina for water sports. Health spa and fitness center amenities are on board.

The concept of *The World* was the invention of Knut U. Kloster Jr., whose family has been a pioneering force and major contributor to the development of the modern cruise industry. In 1997, Kloster gathered together a team of experienced professionals in shipping, design, hospitality, finance, sales and marketing to plan for his dream. The ship was delivered on March 13, 2002 by Ship Builders Fosen Mek. Verksteder A/S of Rissa, Norway.

According to the resident/owners, “We have created a world that suits us. *The World* is a ship that carries our luxury vacation homes to the four corners of the earth. It is as comfortable as we can make it with an excellent crew, caring staff and extremely comforting security. We enjoy our life-style. We enjoy each other’s company and we also enjoy our own private apartments on board the ship. Ours is a quieter pace, more adventurous in our travels but more relaxing in life-style. Our time is ours to do with as we please, choosing to enjoy the life ashore – fjords, mountains, icebergs, deserts, coral reefs, and beaches. We also enjoy playing golf on the world’s great courses, resting and reading aboard, catching up with friends or dining in our top-flight restaurants. We have everything we need to feel supremely comfortable on board, but we also have the whole world to explore and enjoy – without ever moving from our home.”

Headquartered in Miami, Florida, ResidenSea Ltd. is the management company responsible for sales, marketing and administration of *The World*. For information about *The World* and ResidenSea, you may access their website at www.aboardtheworld.com.

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