

## Star Alliance Launches Thailand Airpass



BANGKOK December 13, 2004 – Star Alliance, the airline network for Earth™, today announced the introduction of the Thailand Airpass providing exceptional value to customers who wish to explore this southeast Asian nation. The Thailand Airpass, available for sale and travel from December 15, 2004, is the tenth fare product offered by the Star Alliance network.

The Star Alliance Thailand Airpass offers special discounted domestic fares for overseas passengers visiting Thailand using Thai Airways International domestic economy services in conjunction with international travel to, from or via Thailand on any Star Alliance member carrier. Passengers can purchase from three to eight coupons for travel paying \$169 US for the first three coupons and \$59 for each additional coupon.

Star Alliance Thailand Airpass may be sold in conjunction with any type of international fares as long as the fares are for round/circle or open jaw trips. There are no minimum stay requirements and a maximum stay of three months is permitted. Related airpass tickets must be issued separately from the international ticket and must be completed prior to arrival in Thailand. The Star Alliance Thailand Airpass is not available to residents of Thailand and is limited to one per passenger per international travel. More information will be available on [www.staralliance.com](http://www.staralliance.com) as of December 15.

As with any of the Star Alliance fare products, the Thailand Airpass allows mileage accrual on any of the member carrier's frequent flyer programmes.

The Star Alliance network now offers a total of ten different fare products. In addition to the new Thailand Airpass, Star Alliance member carriers offer a Round-the-World Fare, Circle Asia Fare and air passes for Asia, Brazil, Europe, Japan, North America and the South Pacific and the Circle Pacific Fare. Moreover, the Star Alliance network also offers a special discount product for convention organisers and delegates called Conventions Plus and a corporate travel product, Star Alliance Corporate Plus offering one point of contact, one agreement and one report to qualified corporate clientele.

The Star Alliance network was established in 1997 as the first truly global airline alliance to offer customers global reach and a smooth travel experience. The members are Air Canada, Air New

Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian, bmi, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Spanair, Thai Airways International, United, US Airways and VARIG Brazilian Airlines. South African Airways and TAP Air Portugal are set to join in 2005. Overall, the member carriers offer more than 14,000 daily flights to 772 destinations in 133 countries.