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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

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THE MOST FAMOUS OCEAN LINERS IN THE WORLD



THE QUEEN AND CUNARD



The Queen names Queen Mary 2 in 2004

Tonight Cunard Line pays tribute to Her Majesty The Queen and her Diamond Jubilee and celebrates its long association with her.

When Her Majesty graciously named the new QUEEN ELIZABETH in Southampton on 11 October 2010 she was the only person in the world to have been present at all three QUEEN ELIZABETH namings.

It is a fact that The Queen's association with Cunard dates back to 27 September 1938 when she, aged 12, and her sister Margaret accompanied Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to Clydebank and watched as their mother launched the biggest ship in the world – QUEEN ELIZABETH.



Queen Elizabeth launches the original Queen Elizabeth in 1938, with Princess Elizabeth and Margaret beside her

The Queen and her two daughters would board QUEEN ELIZABETH for the first time on 8 October 1946 as the ship's reconversion after her war service neared completion. The Royal Party embarked the liner on the Clyde, joining her for her speed trials along the measured mile. The senior officers were presented to the Royal Party as they toured the public rooms before lunch. They were then escorted to the Bridge where each of the Princesses were given a stopwatch to time QUEEN ELIZABETH's speed over the measured course. The Queen took the helm at one point while the Princesses watched. On the third measured mile QUEEN ELIZABETH achieved exactly 30 knots. Prior to disembarking both Princesses donned protective coats and were given a tour of the engine room while The Queen viewed the remainder of the public areas including the gymnasium and swimming pool.

Before she became Queen in 1952, Princess Elizabeth, on her last public engagement before her wedding, was back at Clydebank on 30 October 1947 to launch Cunard's CARONIA. She was greeted by 40,000 wellwishers that day.

The second QUEEN ELIZABETH, perhaps better known as QE2 and also built at Clydebank, was launched by The Queen on 20 September 1967. In doing so Her Majesty revealed the biggest secret of the day – the actual name of the new liner. The Queen had her first view of the liner as she flew overhead prior to landing at Glasgow Airport. At precisely 1428 hours on a sunny afternoon, in front of 30,000 Clydesiders, Her Majesty stepped forward on the launching platform and said: 'I name this ship QUEEN ELIZABETH the Second. May God bless her and all who sail in her.'

She cut the ribbon using the same gold scissors that her mother had used to launch QUEEN ELIZABETH in 1938 and her grandmother to launch QUEEN MARY in 1934. This released the bottle of wine that smashed onto the side of the newly named liner. She then pressed the button that electrically released the launching trigger.

Then nothing happened. For 70 seconds it seemed as if the ship did not move. The Queen looked amazed; the smile slowly faded from Prince Philip's face. Workmen high up on her deck leaned over and shouted 'Give us a shove!'. Shipyard director George Parker joined in the spirit of the request and bowler-hatted, he sprang to the bows and pushed. He jubilantly waved his bowler when, by a coincidence, she began to move. A little over two minutes after the Queen had named her, the new Elizabeth had slid smoothly into the Clyde. The Queen exclaimed 'Oh, look at her, she's beautiful.' Newspapers the next day claimed the Queen had wept as the new ship entered the Clyde, and that Prince Philip took a white handkerchief from his pocket and handed it to her.

The Royal Party and guests then went to tea in the works canteen. There The Queen was then presented with a small speedboat for the Royal Yacht Britannia – built on the same berth as QE2. A delighted Queen thanked the shipyard chairman Lord Aberconway and suggested it may be appropriate to call it John Brown and have it painted in Cunard colours, to which Prince Philip retorted: 'Why not call it Cunard and paint it brown?'

Almost two years later The Queen, accompanied by Prince Philip, visited QE2 in Southampton on 1 May 1969, the eve of the new liner's Maiden Voyage. The Royal Party was passing through the Queens Room when Her Majesty saw the Bust of her by Oscar Nemon that had been specially commissioned for the ship. The Queen began to talk to the assembled group about Nemon. 'He is a great perfectionist, isn't he? I have now sat seven times for this bust, and each time he finds something wrong with it, "that's no good", he says and wrenches my head off' – using her hands as she spoke to demonstrate his wringing her neck.



The Queen names Queen Elizabeth in 2010



The Queen names Queen Elizabeth 2 in 1969

Apart from the odd occasion when The Queen would view QE2 from the Royal Yacht Britannia she did not visit the Cunard flagship again until 27 July 1990 – the day of a Royal Review as part of Cunard's 150th Anniversary Celebrations. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh reviewed three Cunard ships (QE2, VISTAFJORD and ATLANTIC CONVEYOR) and Royal Navy ships at Spithead. After the Review The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh transferred from Britannia to QE2 by Royal Barge and continued up Southampton Water while enjoying lunch on QE2. It was the first time a reigning Monarch had sailed on a commercial ship with other passengers.

Two special Reviews by The Queen that included QE2 would occur in 1994 as part of the 50th Anniversary D Day Commemorations and 2005 for the Trafalgar 200 Celebrations off Spithead.

37 years after launching QE2, Her Majesty travelled to Southampton on 8 January 2004 to name QUEEN MARY 2 – the largest, longest, tallest, widest and grandest ocean liner ever built. That ceremony is still regarded as the most spectacular of its kind ever. It was also the first time during her long reign that The Queen had performed an official duty in January.

A sad farewell occurred on 2 June 2008, the anniversary of her Coronation, when The Queen paid a farewell visit to QE2 in Southampton and enjoyed lunch on board. She unveiled a specially-commissioned portrait, 'Coming Home', depicting QE2's forthcoming final Southampton arrival which was presented to Southampton by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh during his farewell visit on 11 November 2008 – the last day QE2 spent in the UK.

It wasn't long before a new QUEEN ELIZABETH would join the Cunard fleet and Cunard were honoured that Her Majesty agreed to name her – 72 years after attending her first Cunard event.

Tonight's dinner on all three Cunard liners is both a tribute to The Queen's Diamond Jubilee as well as a celebration of the company's long association with her. So let's do that. Let's celebrate!



The Queen inspects Britannia on QE2 in 1969



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER MENU

6 JUNE 2012

Appetisers

Barbary Duck Terrine, Black Truffle and Guinea Fowl Confit, Fig and Mango Compote

Scallop Ceviche and Sun-Blushed Tomato Panna Cotta, Avocado Emulsion and Herb Oil

Melon and Citrus Delight, Champagne and Strawberry Foam (v)

Soups

Cream of Asparagus with Chervil Sabayon (v)

Beef Consommé with Truffle Royale and Chive

Entrées

Homemade Crab and Crayfish Ravioli with Lobster Sauce

Loch Duart Salmon and Wild Mushroom Wellington, Artichoke and Tarragon Beurre Blanc

Roast Rack of Gloucester Old Spot Pork

Morel Savoy Cabbage, Spring Onion Mashed Potato, Apple Aged Cider Chutney, Lavender Jus

Medallion of Beef Fillet with Goat's Cheese Melt,
Roasted Shallot Marmalade and Vintage Port Wine Glaze*

Blue Wensleydale Tart, Baby Leeks, Caramelised Shallots, Red Pepper
and Cranberry Relish, Watercress Salad (v)

Desserts

Chocolate Croquant Royale

Baked Apple Tart, Bourbon Vanilla Ice Cream, Calvados Custard

Grand Marnier and Raspberry Soufflé

Petit Fours

(v) Denotes vegetarian choice. Please note that some of these dishes may contain nuts or nut extracts. * Whilst all the food we serve on board is prepared to the highest health and safety standards, Public Health Services have determined that eating uncooked or partially cooked meats, poultry, fish, eggs, milk and shellfish may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.



CUNARD AND THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY

1913

11 JULY

HM King George V and HM Queen Mary visited MAURETANIA in Liverpool.

1924

JUNE

HRH The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) visited AQUITANIA in Southampton.

29 AUGUST

HRH The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) sailed on BERENGARIA from Southampton to New York.

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1927

19 JULY

HM King George V and HM Queen Mary visited MAURETANIA in Liverpool.

1933

HRH The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) unexpectedly visited (with friends) BERENGARIA in Southampton, in the early hours of the morning. When asked by Captain Grattidge why he had chosen the empty BERENGARIA he simply explained how difficult it was to find anywhere quiet to relax and be with friends.

26 JULY

HM King George V and HM Queen Mary visited BERENGARIA in Southampton.

1934

HRH The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) visited QUEEN MARY in Clydebank.

26 SEPTEMBER

HM Queen Mary, accompanied by HM King George V and HRH The Prince of Wales, launched QUEEN MARY.

1935

5 MARCH

HRH The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) visited QUEEN MARY in Clydebank.

1936

25 MAY

HM King Edward VIII, HM Queen Mary, HRH Duke of York, HRH Duchess of York, HRH Princess Elizabeth, HRH Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent and the Duchess of Kent visited QUEEN MARY in Southampton.

1938

27 SEPTEMBER

HM Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by HRH Princess Elizabeth and HRH Princess Margaret, launched QUEEN ELIZABETH.

1946

16 OCTOBER

HM Queen Elizabeth, HRH Princess Elizabeth and HRH Princess Margaret joined QUEEN ELIZABETH on her sea trials.

6 NOVEMBER

HRH The Duke of Windsor sailed from Southampton to New York on QUEEN ELIZABETH.

21 DECEMBER

HRH The Duke of Windsor sailed from Southampton to New York on QUEEN ELIZABETH.

1947

30 OCTOBER

HRH Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by HRH Prince Philip, launched CARONIA.

1948

24 JULY

HM King George VI and HM Queen Elizabeth visited QUEEN ELIZABETH in Southampton.

18 - 20 DECEMBER

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh sailed on CARONIA from Gourock to Southampton.

1950

1 DECEMBER

HRH The Duke of Windsor sailed from Southampton to New York on QUEEN ELIZABETH.

1951

24 MAY

HRH The Duke of Windsor sailed from New York to Southampton on QUEEN ELIZABETH.

6 DECEMBER

HRH The Duke of Windsor sailed from Southampton to New York on QUEEN ELIZABETH.

1952

28 FEBRUARY

HRH The Duke of Windsor sailed from Southampton to New York on QUEEN ELIZABETH.

1953

6 MARCH

HRH The Duke of Windsor sailed from New York to Southampton on QUEEN ELIZABETH.

1954

21 - 26 OCTOBER

HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother sailed on QUEEN ELIZABETH from Southampton to New York.

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1955

14 DECEMBER

HRH Princess Margaret launched CARINTHIA.

1964

27 OCTOBER

HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother lunched on board MAURETANIA in Milford Haven after opening the new oil refinery there.

MAURETANIA had been chartered by Texaco to take guests to the opening.

1967

14 JULY

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh toured QE2 in Clydebank.

20 SEPTEMBER

HM Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and HRH Princess Margaret, launched QE2.

1968

20 FEBRUARY

HRH Princess Margaret opened the QE2 Exhibition at the Design Centre in London.

6 NOVEMBER

HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother visited QUEEN ELIZABETH in Southampton.

19 NOVEMBER

HRH Prince Charles sailed on board QE2 from the shipyard in Clydebank to drydock in Greenock.

1907-1935



MAURETANIA

1921-1938



BERENGARIA

1914-1950



AQUITANIA

1936-1967



QUEEN MARY

1946-1968



QUEEN ELIZABETH

1949-1967



CARONIA

1969

1 MAY

HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited QE2 in Southampton.

16 MAY

HM The Queen returns signal from Royal Yacht Britannia after QE2 had sailed past.

29 MAY

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited QE2 in Southampton to present the 1969 Council of Industrial Design Awards.

1970

5 MARCH

HRH Princess Margaret, accompanied by the Earl of Snowdon, paid an informal visit to QE2 in Barbados.

1982

11 JUNE

HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, on board Royal Yacht Britannia, welcomed home QE2 from the Falklands.

2 DECEMBER

HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother lunched on board QE2 in Southampton and unveiled a Falklands Plaque.

1986

3 MAY

HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother lunched on board QE2 in Southampton to mark the 50th anniversary of QUEEN MARY's maiden voyage in 1936.

1987

29 APRIL

HRH The Princess of Wales attended a children's party on board QE2 in Southampton Water to mark the ship's successful re-engining.

1988

14 DECEMBER

HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother lunched on board QE2 in Southampton to celebrate the 50th anniversary of her launching QUEEN ELIZABETH in 1938.

1990

27 JULY

Royal review of Cunard (QE2, VISTAFJORD and ATLANTIC CONVEYOR) and Royal Navy ships at Spithead by HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh on board Royal Yacht Britannia. The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh transferred to QE2 by Royal Barge. The Queen then became the first reigning monarch to sail on a commercial liner with passengers.

1991

3 APRIL

HRH Prince Edward visited QE2 in Southampton for a recce and meeting about the 15 June Royal Ball.

15 JUNE

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and HRH Prince Edward attended a Royal Ball on board QE2 in Southampton.

1993

12 JUNE

HRH Prince Edward lunched on board QE2 in Southampton to celebrate 40th anniversary of The Queen's accession. He left at sea by helicopter.

5 AUGUST

HM The Queen and HRH Prince Andrew visited Southampton to join the 175th anniversary of the British Sailor's Society. After the service Her Majesty boarded the Royal Yacht Britannia and, accompanied by HMS York and Patricia, she reviewed various units of the Merchant Fleet, including QE2.

1994

4 JUNE

HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh reviewed QE2 from the Royal Yacht Britannia as part of the 50th Anniversary of 'D Day' Commemorations.

Also on board Britannia for the review:

HM The Queen Mother

HRH Princess Margaret

HRH The Princess Royal

President (and Mrs) Bill Clinton

Prime Minister John Major

The King of Norway

Prince Bernard of the Netherlands

The Presidents of Poland, The Czech Republic and Slovakia

The Prime Ministers of Canada, Australia and New Zealand

17 DECEMBER

HRH Prince Andrew lunched on board QE2 in Southampton to mark return to service after her major refit.

1995

17 JULY

HRH The Princess Royal lunched on board QE2 in Edinburgh prior to QE2 leading the Tall Ships out of the Firth of Forth.

1996

28 SEPTEMBER

HRH Prince Edward attended a Royal Ball on board QE2 in Southampton.

2004

8 JANUARY

HM The Queen named QUEEN MARY 2.

2005

28 JULY

HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh reviewed QE2 from HMS Endurance as part of the Trafalgar 200 Celebrations off Spithead.

2007

10 DECEMBER

HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, accompanied by HRH The Prince of Wales, named QUEEN VICTORIA.

2008

2 JUNE

HM The Queen lunched on board QE2 in Southampton as part of her farewell visit.

11 NOVEMBER

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh lunched on board QE2 in Southampton as part of his farewell visit.

2010

25 JUNE

HRH The Princess Royal lunched on board QUEEN MARY 2 in Southampton.

26 JULY

HRH The Duchess of Cornwall visited QUEEN VICTORIA in Liverpool.

11 OCTOBER

HM The Queen named QUEEN ELIZABETH.

2012

23 MAY

HRH The Princess Royal visited QUEEN ELIZABETH in Southampton.

1956-1968



CARINTHIA

1969-2008



QE2

2004



QUEEN MARY 2

2007



QUEEN VICTORIA

2010



QUEEN ELIZABETH