



## Queen Mary 2 (QM2)

### *Fun Facts*

#### Did you know...

- At 1,130 feet, QM2 is **five times longer** than Cunard's first ship, *Britannia* (230 feet), and **113 feet longer** than the original *Queen Mary* (1,019 feet).
- She features 17 decks and **towers 200 feet above** the waterline, equal to the height of a 23-story building.
- QM2 is more than **twice as long** as the Washington Monument is tall (550 feet), **147 feet longer** than the Eiffel Tower is tall (984 feet), more than **3 ½ times as long** as Big Ben (Westminster Tower) is high (310 feet), **as long as 36** double-decker London buses (31½ feet each), more than **three times as long** as St. Paul's Cathedral (366 feet), and only **117 feet shorter** than the height of the Empire State Building (1248 feet).
- QM2 will **stretch nearly four football fields** in length.
- There are several dining venues, all featuring ocean views, including Cunard's traditional **Grill Rooms for the higher stateroom categories** and an elegant restaurant for the deluxe and standard categories. Recalling the classic dining salons of grand liners of the past, the magnificent three-deck-high main dining room will span the full width of the ship with a sweeping central staircase creating a dramatic showcase for those wishing to make the ultimate grand entrance.
- Another classic feature is the **360-degree Promenade Deck**, recreating an environment, which historically served as an important social venue aboard transatlantic liners. The spacious deck, whose total circumference **exceeds one-third of a mile**, is lined with traditional steamer chairs while leaving expansive room for guests to stroll. Interior promenades circling several decks provide attractive walking venues, as well.
- The ship has a large indoor swimming pool in the spa as well as four outside pools, one of which has **a retractable glass roof**.
- A planetarium on board - the first at sea - offers a variety of constellation shows, as well as other presentations.
- One of the ship's whistle is an original from *Queen Mary* so that her famous predecessor's voice will once more be heard on the ocean. It is **audible for 10 miles**.



### **For the construction of QM2...**

...some **300,000 pieces of steel** were cut and welded into blocks in specialised workshops. QM2's hull is made up of **94 steel blocks** (made from **580 panels**), some of which weigh more **than 600 tons**, involving some **1,500 kilometres of welding**. Her hull weighs **50,000 tons** (more than a school of 330 blue whales) – not to be confused with her gross tonnage, which is 151,400.

### **Food & Beverage...**

- The annual sugar consumption would make eight million scones.
- The QM2 uses almost 7,000 boxes of strawberries each year.
- The annual tea consumption would fill an Olympic size swimming pool.
- The QM2 serves 1.5 million drinks per year, not including wine sales.
- The annual beef consumption would supply a city the size of Southampton each year.
- The onboard baking requires the use of nearly 8,000 industrial size flour bags. Stacking them would make a pile five times higher than the Eiffel Tower.
- The weight of pineapples used per year match the weight of 50 SUVs, almost 90 metric tons.

### **QM2 has...**

- 2,500 kilometres of electric cable
- 310 miles (500 kilometres) of ducts, mains and pipes
- 2,000 bathrooms
- 80,000 lighting points
- 280,000 square yards (250,000 square metres) of fitted carpets
- 144,000 square yards (120,000 square metres) of insulating material
- 3,800 square yards (3,200 square metres) of galleys
- 3,000 telephones
- 8,800 loudspeakers
- 5,000 stairs
- 5,000 fire detectors
- 1,100 fire doors
- 8,350 automatic extinguishers

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