

Queen Victoria Public Rooms

Queen Victoria's 'liner' design has provided the ship's interior designers with wonderful spaces offering height and volume. Her Cunard heritage is reflected in the design of the grand, elegant and intimate public areas.

First impressions matter and Queen Victoria will impress as soon as guests embark into the ship's triple height Grand Lobby, with finishes of light mahogany and marble, and a feature art work spanning over 2½ decks in height, combining intricate metal work with the rich spectral tones of ornamental glass, serving as a dramatic backdrop to the sweeping staircase with ornate wrought iron balustrading and marble stringer detailing. A unique and dramatic ceiling with a central feature chandelier and a decorative classical motif tromp l'oeil, is balanced perfectly by a feature marble floor area on the lowest deck, with patterns inspired by classic ocean liners.

Dining

Just as aboard her sisters Queen Mary 2 and QE2, each grade of cabin is paired with a sea-view restaurant. The restaurants follow a similar pattern to Cunard's other ships, with Grill Rooms for the higher suites and a main restaurant for the deluxe grades.

The main Dining Room, the Britannia Restaurant (seating 900 passengers), is destined to be one of the most remarkable rooms at sea, spanning two decks at the stern of the vessel. It evokes memories of classic ocean liner restaurants with sweeping staircases, decorative pillars and arches and a spectacular bronze and glass artwork centrepiece. The combination of two-tone wood (mahogany and old cherry) with bronzed mirror and use of typical "art deco" details and design, plus the combination of brass with bronze, results in a contemporary interpretation of a dramatic and elegant restaurant from the golden age of liners. Breakfast and lunch will be served in an open sitting and passengers have the option of either main or late sitting for dinner.

Both the Queens and Princess Grills are located on top of the ship (11 Deck), enclosed by graceful and gently curving panoramic glass walls on the seaboard sides, and cantilevered out over the side of the vessel above 10 Deck. Access is exclusive to Grill guests only. Both Grills offer a single sitting and the restaurants themselves, although architecturally similar, are decorated to create individual ambiances. Grills guests also have exclusive use of their own private lounge, bar and deck terrace, conveniently

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located next to the Grills restaurants, and complete with resident Concierge.

French –style doors open from each Grill onto the Courtyard Terrace’s exclusive patio area, where al fresco dining is offered, and steps lead up to the Upper Grills Terrace – a secluded retreat that’s on the ship’s uppermost deck.

In addition Queen Victoria offers several alternative dining venues:

The 100-seat Todd English Restaurant on 2 Deck offers innovative Mediterranean cuisine in a modern setting, with leather banquettes and decorative draped columns offering intimate ocean view dining. Passengers need to make reservations and an additional charge will apply.

The informal and spacious 450-seat Lido on 9 Deck serves breakfast and lunch buffet style.

Café Carinthia offers sweet pastries and fine teas, whilst the Golden Lion Pub offers traditional English pub food for lunch and the Hamburger and Salad Bar aft on 9 Deck will offer a light lunch alternative.

Entertainment

The magnificent three-deck Royal Court Theatre, with tiered seating for 830, is the location for the main entertainment of the evening with full-scale, West End-style productions as well as named entertainers. Classically elegant in style this grand auditorium offers private boxes on the upper level along with a lounge area for guests to enjoy dessert and coffee before the show.

Queen Victoria’s two-deck Queen’s Room ballroom and is designed for dancing, cocktail parties and traditional English afternoon teas complete with finger sandwiches and freshly baked scones with clotted cream. The room features a dramatic high ceiling, crystal chandeliers, a large 1000 sq ft dance floor with inlaid wood patterns and rich wall décor, with spectacular backlit glass panels.

Opposite the Queens Room, yet connected with it, the Queens Arcade presents the perfect location for a quiet lounging area in touch with, yet separate from it, the Queens Room proper. Here, morning coffee and afternoon tea is served, accompanied with ocean views.

ConneXions Conference Centre and Internet Café on 1 Deck and 3 Deck comprises an education centre for enrichment programmes, featuring a flexible classroom venue for classes that includes Computer Training, Navigation and Art and Wine Tasting.

The Internet Café enables passengers to stay in touch during their voyage as well as surf the web.

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With its retractable glass roof, moveable glass wall looking out to the swimming pool, wooden venetian blinds and oversized ceiling fans, The Winter Garden is Queen Victoria's indoor / outdoor relaxation area and is reminiscent of a grand conservatory in the colonial days, complete with fountain and greenery.

Queen Victoria offers a whole range of bars and clubs (13 in total) to suit a wide variety of tastes and provide a range of atmospheres, including a traditional English Pub (the Golden Lion), a Champagne Bar, a nautically-themed cocktail bar (The Chart Room) and the relaxing Midships Lounge.

The traditionally styled, yet state of the art Casino feature the latest machines, traditional tables and an accompanying bar.

The 4,000-square-foot Royal Arcade has been inspired by both the Royal and Burlington Arcades in London. A grand staircase at the forward end gives access between the upper and lower decks and allows movement between the shopping arcade and both the theatre above and the Casino and Golden Lion Pub below. Light wood paneling will contrast with the rich green marbles and the gold and white stone and an ornate clock, resembling the actual Queen's Arcade Clock in London, acts as a centerpiece. Shops offer a wide variety of merchandise including fine jewelry, perfume and Cunard logo apparel.

With its 270-degree views, Queen Victoria's Hemispheres is situated on top of the ship (10 Deck) overlooking the Pavilion Pool and is the venue for classes, lectures or just relaxation by day, before being transformed into a stunning nightclub in the evening.

Also on 10 Deck the forward Commodore Club observation lounge, characterised by Cunard history and tradition, features a full bar and offer sweeping views over the bow of Queen Victoria. Two dramatic entrances, with leaded glass arched dome ceilings mirrored below by wood inlaid compass floor designs, lead in to this nautical space, decorated with models of past Cunard liners in special 'porthole' displays. Adjacent to this room is the intimate Admiral's Lounge and Churchill's colonial style Cigar Lounge.

The nearly 6,000 book traditionally-styled English Library, situated on 2 and 3 Decks, is a stunning double-deck room with rich mahogany wood panelling, stained glass, leather sofas and armchairs and a spiral staircase. The library has two full-time Librarians in attendance.

Complementing the Library on 3 Deck is the Bookshop offering bestsellers, magazines, postcards and nautically-themed items.

Queen Victoria also features a floating museum display called *Cunardia* that showcases a unique collection of Cunard memorabilia and artifacts. Cunard aficionados

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are able to add to their Cunard home collections by visiting the adjacent Cunard shop.

Child facilities on board Queen Victoria will be on 10 Deck. The Play Zone and The Zone features the very latest equipment for children of all ages. A permanent staff and nursery nurses are on hand in this inside / outside play area.

Health and fitness facilities are large and extensive. The Cunard Health Club and Spa feature the latest spa and beauty treatments for both men and women, as well as a hydro-pool and thermal suite. Forward of the Spa is the expansive gymnasium and aerobics area with state-of-the-art cardiovascular fitness equipment including inclining treadmills and bikes complete with their own personal LCD television screens.

In addition to the large hydro-pool in the Spa, there are two outdoor swimming pools on 9 Deck. There is also a large aft sunning area where The Lido Pool is located. The open space on this deck alone equals some 10,000-square feet (920 square metres).

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