



CUNARD LINE'S QUEEN MARY 2: A LUXURY OCEAN LINER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Cunard's *Queen Mary 2* is the defining luxury ocean liner for the 21st century in every possible aspect. Having entered service in January 2004, she combines over 169 years of tradition with modern innovations hardly dreamed of only a few years ago. As the grandest liner ever built, *Queen Mary 2* carries 2,592 guests in degrees of comfort and style ranging from pampered elegance to almost unimaginable luxury.

What other ship in the history of ocean travel has offered the option of a 9,000-square foot duplex living space with private elevators, butlers and staff? What other ship, since the heyday of the French Line a half century or more ago, has offered the creative genius of top chefs and a bar devoted to the finest Champagne? Or excitement of Britain's most famous theatre school? And a planetarium with virtual reality rides through the galaxies, not to mention the exquisite pleasures of America's best-known spa?

Since 1840, when Cunard Line introduced the first regularly scheduled transatlantic liner service, the company has launched nearly 180 ships. *Queen Mary 2* joins the illustrious company of Cunard's *Laconia*, the first ship to offer a world cruise; *Servia*, the first to be lit by electricity; *Mauretania*, which held the Blue Riband for speed for 22 years, and, of course, the legendary *Queen Elizabeth* and her hugely popular successor, *QE2* and the original *Queen Mary*.

With this incomparable pedigree, it is no wonder that *Queen Mary 2* is graced with grand spaces, including the largest ballroom at sea, domed salons, sweeping staircases and majestic promenades, or that there is one attentive staff member to serve every two guests. Yet the ship is as daringly modern as it is appreciative of tradition, particularly in its functionality. Taking advantage of the very latest in technology and engineering, *Queen Mary 2* offers possibly the smoothest ride of any ship, with noise and vibration levels minimal even at her extraordinary speed. She is so versatile that she can dock with ease without the use of tugboats. In her inaugural year, *Queen Mary 2* took over the sailing the regular Transatlantic route formerly operated by her sister ship, *QE2*.

Queen Mary 2's 14 passenger decks are packed with comforts, luxuries and a dazzling variety of things to do, entertainment to be enjoyed, luxury boutiques to shop in and places to eat in exceptional style. Staterooms include five duplex apartments – each with its own exercise area, balcony, marble bathrooms, private library and other impressive features – which can be

combined together to form a grand, 9,000-square foot suite unrivalled by any other ship afloat. There are also four Forward Suites, which also can be combined to create a 4,000-square foot living space – 75 junior suites and a choice of stateroom configurations and sizes.

All suites feature high fidelity televisions and entertainment systems, walk-in closets, selected spirits, wines and soft drinks, plush terrycloth robes and slippers, personalized stationery, a Bon Voyage bottle of champagne and daily fresh fruit and pre-dinner canapés. All suites and staterooms are equipped with interactive TV with multi-language film and music channels, direct-dial phones, individual thermostat control, hair dryers, full baths with tubs and/or showers and feature nightly turn-down service. Nearly three-quarters of the ship's accommodations include a spacious, eight-foot balcony.

Queen Mary 2 also embraces Cunard's lengthy tradition of serving the finest of shipboard cuisine and carries it significantly further. The "hot" celebrity chef Todd English, has created his own 156-seat shipboard restaurant on the newest Queen featuring his Mediterranean cuisine. In addition to the two Grills and the elegant Britannia Restaurant, which can effortlessly seat 1,296 guests, guests on *Queen Mary 2* may choose to dine at a choice of four venues in the innovative Kings Court or, for more casual fare, the Golden Lion Pub and Boardwalk Grill, and, for afternoon tea, the Winter Garden.

Complementing *Queen Mary 2's* restaurants is an inspiring selection of bars and lounges. The Queens Room, with its crystal chandeliers, is the largest ballroom at sea. The Royal Court Theatre hosts musicals and revues worthy of London's West End and Broadway. The Empire Casino and G32 nightclub offer equally exciting entertainment options. Jazz sets the tone for the Commodore Club, with its wrap-around panorama of ocean and moonlit sky while fine wines are the featured attraction at Sir Samuels. For the ultimate in sophistication and refinement, the Veuve Clicquot Champagne Bar is a must. Fine Waterford Crystal and Wedgwood china add a further element of elegance to the ship's dining and entertainment experience.

Queen Mary 2's offering of activities is as impressive as its options for accommodations, restaurants, bars and lounges. These include:

- Canyon Ranch SpaClub, *Queen Mary 2's* 20,000-square foot health club, offering a full range of famous Canyon Ranch services, treatments and products. Considered the Number One spa company in North America, this shipboard Canyon Ranch, a first for the company, features a thalassotherapy pool, gym, weight room, juice bar, saunas and whirlpools and services ranging from aromatherapy to therapeutic body cocoons.
- Illuminations, a full-sized, shipboard planetarium offering a variety of constellation shows and virtual reality rides through the heavens, which also serves as the ship's movie theatre and lecture hall.
- *Cunard Insights™*, introducing guests to stimulating experts and accomplished visionaries who reflect the line's heritage of adventure and prestige. Through a series of

lectures, Q&A's, debates, social gatherings, and workshops, guests connect with personalities who have achieved notable distinction in areas including history, world affairs, science, politics, arts and literature.

- Workshops, lessons and presentations by the *Royal Academy of Dramatic Art* (RADA, available on *Transatlantic Crossings* only), enabling guests to not only watch the stars of tomorrow in person, but actually study the skills of acting with them.
- Cunard ConneXions™, a complex of seven classrooms used for enrichment programmes and the latest cyber-era equipment.
- The Mayfair Shops, an on-board collection of fine boutiques and famous brand names, including Hermes, Chopard, Dunhill and Harrod's.

For more information on *Queen Mary 2*, consult a travel agent, call 1-800-7-CUNARD or visit the website at www.cunard.com.

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Cunard Line, operator of the luxury ocean liners **Queen Mary 2** and **Queen Victoria**, has long been synonymous with the quest for new discoveries and the epitome of British refinement since the company's first paddle-wheeled steamer, *Britannia*, crossed the Atlantic in 1840. Cunard voyages bring together like-minded travellers who seek a civilised adventure and relish the Cunard hallmarks of impeccable White Star Service™, gourmet dining and world-class entertainment. Today, Cunard offers the only regularly scheduled Transatlantic liner service and continues the legacy of world cruising which it began in 1922. **Queen Elizabeth** joins the fleet in October 2010.

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