

Her Majesty The Queen to Bid Farewell to QE2

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Cunard Line is honoured to announce that Her Majesty The Queen will make a farewell visit to Queen Elizabeth 2 in Southampton on Monday June 2, 2008.

QE2, the most famous ship in the world, and for 35 years the flagship of the Cunard fleet, was launched by Her Majesty at Clydebank on September 20, 1967 -- forty years ago last year.

Since then QE2 has travelled over 5.6 million nautical miles, more than any ship ever, has carried over 2.5 million guests, has completed 25 World Cruises, and has crossed the Atlantic 802 times. She leaves Cunard's service in November 2008.

Her Majesty The Queen has visited QE2 twice since the launch -- on May 1, 1969, immediately prior the Maiden Voyage, and on July 27, 1990 to mark Cunard Line's 150th anniversary.

Details of the visit on June 2 will be announced shortly, but Cunard's President and Managing Director, Carol Marlow, comments:

"We are delighted and honoured that The Queen has chosen to visit QE2 to wish her farewell. Her Majesty has taken a close interest in the ship over the last forty years, and I am certain this will be a memorable occasion for all involved."

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