



CUNARD

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO VISIT CUNARD'S QUEEN MARY 2 ON 9 MAY 2014

The highlight of **Queen Mary 2's** 10th anniversary celebration in her homeport of Southampton on Friday 9 May 2014 is the visit today by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. This will be the first time His Royal Highness has visited **Queen Mary 2** since he accompanied Her Majesty the Queen when she named the liner in Southampton on 8 January 2004.

Prior to attending a Reception and Lunch on board His Royal Highness visited several behind-the-scenes crew areas and met with crew who perform several different roles on board. He spent time in the ship's Laundry, crew gymnasium, crew training room / library and in one of the crew bars. After meeting officers on the Bridge he was given a tour of the largest Bridge at sea prior to being invited to sign the Visitor's Book. At a special Reception His Royal Highness unveiled a portrait of **Queen Mary 2** by renowned maritime artist Robert Lloyd that has been commissioned by Cunard to celebrate a decade of service by their flagship.

Since entering service **Queen Mary 2** has sailed 1.5 million nautical miles on over 400 voyages including 213 Transatlantic Crossings. She has called at 182 ports in 60 countries and carried over 1.3 million guests.

Cunard's Chief Executive Officer, David Dingle, comments:

"We are honoured that His Royal Highness visited our flagship **Queen Mary 2** on such a special day in the history of the world's only ocean liner. For him to have spent time with many of our 1,200 staff has been very exciting and highly appropriate, for it is they who have made **Queen Mary 2** the great success she is today. As we reflect on her first decade of excellence we look forward to the next 10 years and we are delighted to have had His Royal Highness taking part in these celebrations with us as he was also present at her entry into service in 2004."

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