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Gibraltar Bids Farewell to QE2

On Friday 14th November, the cruise ship Queen Elizabeth 2 will be calling at Gibraltar on her final one way voyage to Dubai, where she will be retired and converted to become a luxury floating hotel, retail and entertainment destination at The Palm Jumeirah.

There is no passenger liner more famous, well travelled or so adored by legions of fans around the world than Queen Elizabeth 2. She is the longest-serving ship in Cunard's 168-year history and has outlasted all other transatlantic liners, travelling over 5½ million miles, more than any other ship. She is also reputed to be able to sail faster backwards than most ships can forward! QE2 was launched by Her Majesty The Queen in September 1967 and since she came into service in 1969, has carried over 2½ million passengers, undertaken 25 World Cruises, and crossed the Atlantic over 800 times.

She is due to sail from the Western Arm at 1700 on Friday 14th. To mark this historic yet sad occasion, the following special events will commemorate this last port visit:

- The Gibraltar Chronicle will produce a special souvenir supplement and a copy of this will be placed on board each cabin when the ship docks;
- The Band of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment will perform on the quayside before the ship sails and as she is pulled away from the Western Arm by the tugs;
- The Philatelic Bureau is producing a special first day cover to mark the event;
- The History Alive Group will be present at the Cruise Terminal after the ship arrives when the majority of passengers will be disembarking;

The Minister with responsibility for the Port, the Hon J J Holliday said "this is a nostalgic event and the sight of the QE 2 entering the Bay would be missed by all in Gibraltar. I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Government and people of Gibraltar to wish her God speed and Bon Voyage."