

# Venerable QE2 liner returns to service as hotel

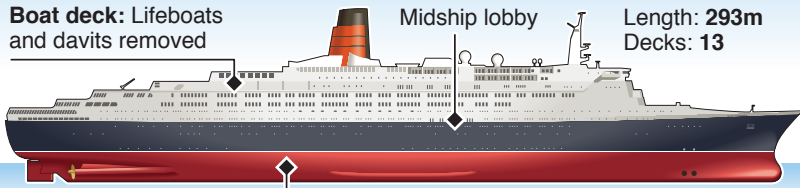
Cunard's former flagship, the 50-year-old *Queen Elizabeth 2*, returns after 10 years of retirement to serve as a luxury floating hotel and museum at Port Rashid in Dubai

**QUEEN ELIZABETH 2:** Liner carried around 2.5 million passengers and completed more than 800 Atlantic crossings during its 39-year service

**Boat deck:** Lifeboats and davits removed

Midship lobby

Length: 293m  
Decks: 13



**Engine room:** Power switched off – ship connected to Dubai grid

Gross register tonnage: **65,863**

Capacity: **1,892 passengers and 1,040 crew**

## QUEEN ELIZABETH 2 TIMELINE

- **1967:** QE2 launched on Scotland's River Clyde by Queen Elizabeth
- **1969:** Enters service with maiden voyage from Southampton to New York
- **1975:** Embarks on first world cruise
- **1982:** Requisitioned as troop carrying ship during Falklands conflict
- **1986:** Ship converted from steam power to diesel electric
- **2004:** Hands title of Cunard flagship to sister ship, *Queen Mary 2*



The Gulf

Sharjah

Deira

DUBAI



Dubai airport

**Port Rashid: QE2 permanently docked**



Jumeirah

8km

5 miles

■ **2007:** QE2 sold to Dubai government for \$100 million

■ **2008:** Makes final trip around UK before sailing to Dubai

■ **2015-18:** Converted into five-star floating hotel

◀ **Interior:** Original features such as porthole windows, memorabilia and paintings retained



**Hotel facilities include 224 refurbished rooms and suites, 10 restaurant and nightlife venues, shopping complex, spa and swimming pool**