

British aircraft carrier deployment to Asia

The Royal Navy's most powerful warship, HMS Queen Elizabeth, is leading the UK's Carrier Strike Group on its maiden deployment, including visits to India, Japan, South Korea and Singapore

HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH

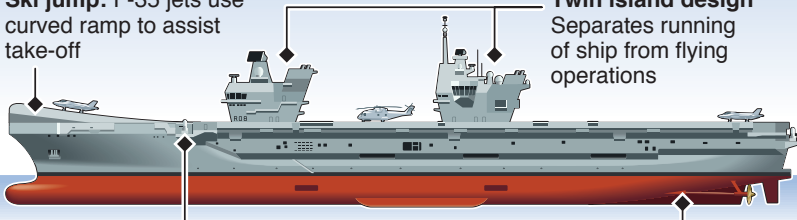
Total length	280m
Displacement	65,000 tonnes
Top speed	25+ knots
Crew	Up to 1,600
Total range	19,000km

Aircraft: Up to 40, including **F-35B** stealth jets capable of short take-off and vertical landings



Ski jump: F-35 jets use curved ramp to assist take-off

Twin island design
Separates running of ship from flying operations



Armament: Includes 20mm Phalanx close-in weapons and 30mm guns

Propulsion: Two Rolls-Royce MT30 marine gas turbine engines

CARRIER STRIKE GROUP 21



HMS Diamond, HMS Defender
Type 45 destroyers



HMS Queen Elizabeth
Aircraft carrier



HMS Kent, HMS Richmond
Type 23 frigates



RFA Tidespring
Supply ship



RFA Fort Victoria
Supply ship



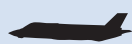
Astute-class submarine



HNLMS Evertsen
Dutch frigate



USS The Sullivans
U.S. destroyer



18 F-35 jets
(8 UK, 10 U.S.)



4 Wildcat
helicopters



10 Merlin
helicopters



Company of Royal Marines from 42 Commando,
U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel