

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### SEE THE *QUEEN MARY 2* CLOSE-UP AT THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

#### *World's Largest Cruise Ship Makes Her Maiden West Coast Call*



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**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – Beginning February 22, the Port of Los Angeles welcomes the defining cruise ship of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Cunard's *Queen Mary 2* (QM2). The world's largest cruise ship in service makes her first-ever West Coast call on February 22 and returns again on February 25 and March 8. The Port of Los Angeles is the **only** West Coast port where she will be docking, and the Port of Los Angeles will provide up-close viewing locations.

The 2,620-passenger QM2 is so large she cannot navigate under the Vincent Thomas Bridge; she will be backing down the Main Channel - an extraordinary visual for an extra-memorable visit!

#### **ARRIVAL AND PUBLIC VIEWING SCHEDULE**

(Viewing only: regrettably, the general public will be unable to board the ship)

#### **Wednesday, February 22**

- 4:45 a.m. QM2 arrives at the entrance to the Port of Los Angeles and travels down the Main Channel
- 6:00 a.m. QM2 is berthed alongside the Port of Los Angeles World Cruise Center, along the Main Channel
- 7:00 a.m. Public viewing area opens at Berth 87, adjacent to the World Cruise Terminal, at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro
- 7:30 p.m. QM2 departs the Port of Los Angeles
- 8 p.m. Public viewing area at Berth 87 closes

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## **QM2 at the Port of Los Angeles**

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### **Saturday, February 25**

- 4:00 a.m. QM2 arrives at the Port of Los Angeles World Cruise Center, along the Main Channel
- 7:00 a.m. Public viewing area opens at Berth 87, adjacent to the World Cruise Center, at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro
- 3-4:00 p.m. Departure celebration with music, commemorative items, a full Fireboat escort and fanfare! **This is the main Queen Mary 2 celebration at the Port of Los Angeles.**
- 4:00 p.m. QM2 departs
- 5:30 p.m. Public viewing area at Berth 87 closes

### **Wednesday, March 8**

- 4:45 a.m. QM2 arrives at the entrance to the Port of Los Angeles and travels down the Main Channel
- 6:00 a.m. QM2 is berthed alongside the Port of Los Angeles World Cruise Center, along the Main Channel
- 7:00 a.m. Public viewing area opens at Berth 87, adjacent to the World Cruise center, at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro
- 4:00 p.m. QM2 departs the Port of Los Angeles
- 4:30 p.m. Public viewing area at Berth 87 closes

## **SPECIAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Wednesday, February 22**

- 6:00 a.m. Morning news stand-ups available at Berth 87
- 1:00 p.m. Media tours of the QM2 and interviews with key Cunard and Queen Mary 2 staff available

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## **QM2 at the Port of Los Angeles**

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### **Saturday, February 25**

3:30 p.m. Media boat available to capture the spectacle of the QM2 departing with full fanfare and crowds of onshore visitors (credentialed press only, RSVP mandatory to 310-732-3507)

### **PUBLIC VIEWING LOCATIONS**

#### **While at dock...**

##### **Berth 87**

1<sup>st</sup> Street and Harbor Boulevards

free parking

##### **SS Lane Victory (Eastern end of the Cruise Ship Promenade)**

Berth 93C

Swinford Street and Harbor Boulevard

under the Vincent Thomas Bridge

first hour free parking, \$1 per hour after

##### **Harbor Parkway Promenade**

Along Harbor Boulevard

From Swinford Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **During arrival and departure...**

##### **Berth 87**

1<sup>st</sup> Street and Harbor Boulevards

free parking

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## **QM2 at the Port of Los Angeles**

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Berth 93C

Swinford Street and Harbor Boulevard

under the Vincent Thomas Bridge

first hour free parking, \$1 per hour after

### **Harbor Parkway Promenade**

Along Harbor Boulevard

From Swinford Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Los Angeles Maritime Museum Patio**

6<sup>th</sup> Street and Sampson Way

free street parking

### **Ports O' Call Village**

1100 Nagoya Way

free parking

## **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE QUEEN MARY 2**

\*The QM2's Maiden voyage began on January 12, 2004 when she sailed from Southampton to Ft. Lauderdale.

\*The ship is too large to turn around in the Port of Los Angeles' Main Channel, as other cruise ships do, and is too large to fit under the Vincent Thomas Bridge. The Queen Mary 2 will come in through Angels Gate, turn around just inside the gate, and travel backward down the Main Channel to dock at Berth 91/92 at the World Cruise Center.

## QM2 at the Port of Los Angeles

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- \*The QM2 is twice as long as the Washington Monument is tall (550 feet), is 147 feet longer than the Eiffel Tower is tall (984 feet), is more than 3 ½ times as long as Big Ben is high (310 feet), and is only 117 feet shorter than the height of the Empire State Building (1248 feet).
- \*The QM2 stretches nearly four football fields in length.
- \*The hull alone weighs 50,000 tons (more than a school of 330 blue whales) and consists of 94 steel blocks, each consisting of 580 panels.
- \*One of the ship's four whistles was donated by the Queen Mary 1, and can be heard 10 miles away.
- \*The ship features 17 decks and towers 200 feet above the waterline, the equivalent of a 23-story building.
- \*There is an on-board planetarium – the only one at sea.
- \*The annual tea consumption aboard the QM2 would fill an Olympic size swimming pool.

For more information, see the websites at <http://www.portoflosangles.org/> and [www.cunard.com](http://www.cunard.com).

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