



Queen Mary 2 returns to France prior to return to service

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Cunard is delighted that its flagship Queen Mary 2 will be returning to Brest on August 27 to undergo dry dock maintenance prior to its return to service in November.

Cunard president Simon Palethorpe said: "This is a very special moment as Queen Mary 2 returns to France and to the skill and talent in the Damen shipyard in Brest.

"As we have not been sailing for the past 18 months we cannot wait to return to the sea and to give our guests the memorable voyages for which Cunard is known.

"We want to ensure that Queen Mary 2 is checked throughout as we prepare for this return to sailing. The dry dock service will prepare all aspects of her technical and mechanical capability as well as her interiors and extraordinary guest spaces so that they are in the finest condition ready for November.

"The attention to detail shown by Damen will ensure that the ship's return will enhance this already momentous occasion for our crew and guests."

Damen Shiprepair & Conversion Global Cruise Product Manager, Rogier van der Laan, commented: "We are extremely proud to be entrusted by Cunard with the refit of Queen Mary 2 at our facilities in Brest.

"The preparation for the return to service of this most iconic cruise liner is not only a very important occasion for our organisation but also for the Brest community as a whole.

"We very much look forward to welcoming Queen Mary 2 and providing the high level of service that Damen is renowned for."

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About Cunard

Cunard is a luxury British cruise line, renowned for creating unforgettable experiences around the world. Cunard has been a leading operator of passenger ships on the North Atlantic, since 1840, celebrating an incredible 181 years of operation. A pioneer in transatlantic journeys for generations, Cunard is world class. The Cunard experience is built on fine dining, hand-selected entertainment and outstanding service. From five-star restaurants and in-suite dining to inspiring guest speakers, the library and film screenings, every detail has been meticulously crafted to make the experience unforgettable. There are currently three Cunard ships, Queen Mary 2, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria with destinations including Europe, the Caribbean, the Far East and Australia. In 2017, Cunard announced plans to add a fourth ship to its fleet to be launched in 2022. This investment is part of the company's ambitious plans for the future of Cunard globally and will be the first time since 1998 that Cunard will have four ships in simultaneous service. Cunard is based at Carnival House in Southampton and has been owned since 1998 by Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE:CUK).