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NEWS RELEASE

Queen Mary 2 will dock on Guam tomorrow

Luxury liner will bring nearly 4,000 passenger and crew to our island

Piti, Guam, February 21, 2010: The largest passenger cruise ship to ever sail into Apra Harbor will arrive early tomorrow morning bringing 3,750 passengers and crew to Guam and the Port has identified two public areas where residents can go to view the ship.

The Queen Mary 2 is billed as the grandest, most luxurious ocean liner ever built. It is the flagship of the Cunard Cruise Lines and is as tall as a 21-story building, 147 feet longer than the Eiffel Tower is tall and more than four city blocks in length. The cruise ship will arrive dockside at 6 a.m. Monday and will depart at 6 p.m. the same day. Members of the public who want to see the ship can go to Family Beach which is down the road from the Main port facility. That beach will be open at 4 a.m. and residents can view the ship as it sails into the harbor. Also, the Port will open "Port Beach" from 7am until 6pm for public viewing. This beach is located on the other side of the harbor along Route 18 across Veteran's Cemetery in Piti.

Port Authority of Guam staff has spent the last few weeks painting more murals inside the dock area where the passengers will disembark.

"The arrival of the Queen Mary 2 shows the interest in our island by those in the cruise industry and we are proud to welcome such a magnificent cruise ship to our docks," said Port General Manager Rick Agustin. "Port employees have been working all through the weekend to decorate the docks to reflect our island style and to showcase our culture."

The 2,500 passengers and 1,250 crew will be met by Miss Guam Earth 2009 Maria Louisa Santos along with the other winners of that pageant. They will also be welcomed by local dancers and entertainers from *Irensian Taotao Tano*. The same group will perform a farewell dance as the ship leaves our docks at 6pm.

The Port is also launching Operation Starboard tomorrow and will have 30 vendors set up dockside to sell their products to the tourists. All vendors who are registered with the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities (CAHA) along with the Guam Product Seal Program and non-profit agencies were not charged any fee to sell their products on the docks.

According to Cunard Lines website, this voyage began on January 4 out of New York, New York and will end on March 8th in Sydney, Australia where the passengers will disembark. The itinerary for the 63-day cruise is

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below along with some facts and figures about the Queen Mary 2. According to the website, the cost for a standard room on this cruise is \$13,000 while prices for other rooms go higher including the Grand Deluxe Stateroom which costs \$149,000.

SOME COMPARISONS / MORE INTERSTING FACTS ABOUT THE QM2

Length:	1,132 feet
Beam:	135 feet
Beam at Bridge Wings:	147.5 feet
Draft:	32 feet 10 inches
Height (Keel to Funnel):	236.2 feet
Gross Tonnage:	Approximately 151,400 gross tonnes
Guest Capacity:	2,592 lower berths 3,056 maximum capacity (Including third and fourth berths)
Crew:	1,253
Cruise Speed:	28.5 Knots
Power:	157,000 horsepower, environmentally friendly, gas turbine/diesel electric plant
Propulsion:	Four pods of 21.5 MW each; 2 fixed and 2 azimuthing
Strength:	Extra thick steel hull for strength and stability for Transatlantic Crossings
Stabilizers:	Two sets
Cost:	Estimated \$800 million

SOME COMPARISONS:

- QM2 is **five times longer** than Cunard's first ship, Britannia (230 ft.)
- QM2 is **113 feet longer** than the original Queen Mary
- QM2 is more than **twice as long** as the Washington Monument is tall (550 ft.)
- QM2 is **147 feet longer** than the Eiffel Tower is tall (984 ft.)
- QM2 is more than **3½ times as long** as Westminster Tower (Big Ben) is high (310 ft.)
- QM2 is only **117 feet shorter** than the Empire State Building is tall (1248 ft.)
- QM2 is more than **three times as long** as St. Paul's Cathedral is tall (366 ft.)
- QM2 is **as long as 41** double-decker London buses (31½ ft. each)
- QM2's whistle is audible for 10 miles

MORE INTERESTING FACTS:

- In 1839, Queen Victoria awarded Samuel Cunard the first ever licence to deliver mail across the Atlantic, proudly granting his steam ship the honoured title RMS (Royal Mail Steamer). In 2004 RMS (Royal Mail Ship) Queen Mary 2 was awarded this privileged title and continues to celebrate this golden heritage.
- Queen Mary 2's kennel programme is available on all crossings between New York and Southampton in either direction, and is overseen by a full-time Kennel Master who takes care of responsibilities such as feeding, walking and cleaning the ship's 12 spacious kennels. Travelling dogs and cats also receive a complimentary gift pack and other animal amenities. The kennels and adjacent indoor and outdoor walking areas are open throughout the day, enabling passengers to spend significant time with their pet. Reservations for the kennels may be made at time of booking, and are based on space availability. Contact Cunard for fees and additional requirements.

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January	4	Mon	New York, USA	Depart 5:00 pm
	5	Tue	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	
	6	Wed	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	
	7	Thu	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	
	8	Fri	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	
	9	Sat	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	
	10	Sun	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	
	11	Mon	Southampton, England	6:30 am - 5:00 pm
	12	Tue	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	
	13	Wed	Lisbon, Portugal	12:30 pm - 7:00 pm
	14	Thu	Cruising the Strait of Gibraltar	
	15	Fri	Cruising the Mediterranean Sea	
	16	Sat	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	7:30 am - 7:00 pm
	17	Sun	Cruising the Mediterranean Sea	
	18	Mon	Cruising the Mediterranean Sea	
	19	Tue	Port Said, Egypt	6:00 am - 11:00 pm
	20	Wed	Transiting the Suez Canal	Midnight - 4:00 pm
	21	Thu	Safaga, Luxor, Egypt	7:00 am - 11:00 pm
	22	Fri	Cruising the Red Sea	
	23	Sat	Cruising the Gulf of Aden	
	24	Sun	Cruising the Arabian Sea	
	25	Mon	Cruising the Gulf of Oman	
	26	Tue	Muscat, Oman	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
	27	Wed	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
	28	Thu	Cruising the Gulf of Oman	
	29	Fri	Cruising the Arabian Sea	
	30	Sat	Mumbai , India	7:00 am - 5:00 pm
	31	Sun	Cruising the Arabian Sea	
February	1	Mon	Cruising the Indian Ocean	
	2	Tue	Cruising the Indian Ocean	
	3	Wed	Phuket, Thailand	9:30 am - 6:00 pm
	4	Thu	Penang, Malaysia	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
	5	Fri	Kuala Lumpur (from Port Kelang), Malaysia	8:00 am - 6:00 pm

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	6	Sat	Singapore	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
	7	Sun	Cruising the Gulf of Thailand	
	8	Mon	Bangkok (from Laem Chabang), Thailand	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
	9	Tue	Cruising the Gulf of Thailand	
	10	Wed	Ho Chi Minh City (from Vung Tau), Vietnam	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
	11	Thu	Cruising the South China Sea	
	12	Fri	Hong Kong, China	Arrive Noon
	13	Sat	Hong Kong, China	Depart 6:00 pm
	14	Sun	Cruising the South China Sea	
	15	Mon	Shanghai, China	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
	16	Tue	Cruising the East China Sea	
	17	Wed	Nagasaki, Japan	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
	18	Thu	Cruising the Philippine Sea	
	19	Fri	Tokyo (from Yokohama), Japan	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
	20	Sat	----Cruising the Pacific Ocean	
	21	Sun	----Cruising the Pacific Ocean	
	22	Mon	Apra, Guam, US	6:00 am - 6:00 pm
	23	Tue	Cruising the Philippine Sea	
	24	Wed	----Cruising the Pacific Ocean	
	25	Thu	Rabaul, Papua New Guinea	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	26	Fri	Cruising the Coral Sea	
	27	Sat	Cruising the Coral Sea	
	28	Sun	Whitsunday Islands, Australia	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
March	1	Mon	Cruising the Coral Sea	
	2	Tue	----Cruising the South Pacific Ocean	
	3	Wed	----Cruising the South Pacific Ocean	
	4	Thu	Auckland, New Zealand	7:00 am - 8:00 pm
	5	Fri	Bay of Islands, New Zealand	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	6	Sat	Cruising the Tasman Sea	
	7	Sun	Sydney, Australia	Arrive 6:30 pm - Overnight
	8	Mon	Sydney, Australia	Disembark

SOURCE: <http://www.cunard.com>