

# Cunard Queen Elizabeth

November, 2021



Queen Elizabeth at Santa Cruz, Tenerife

1st November, Southampton  
La Coruña, Galicia, Spain  
Funchal, Madeira, Portugal  
Gran Canaria, Spain  
Lanzarote, Spain  
Cádiz, Spain  
Lisbon, Portugal  
15th November, Southampton

a total of 4,049 nautical miles



Southampton



Queen Elizabeth Voyage Q132Q

Monday, 1 November 2021

Sunrise 6:57am

Sunset 4:39pm

GMT



Tonight: Smart Attire

Weather: Partly cloudy skies

Low 8°C (46.4°F)/High 15°C (59°F)

All Aboard Time: 5:30pm

# Daily Programme.

## Welcome aboard Queen Elizabeth.

Captain Stephen Howarth.



The Captain, his officers and crew extend a very warm welcome to all our guests embarking today. We will do our utmost to ensure that you have an excellent voyage with us.



Time change notice.



Early tomorrow morning at 2.00am, the ship's clocks will be set forward by one hour. Please set your watches forward by one hour before retiring this evening, Monday, 1 November.



Stateroom 7024





Tuesday, 2nd November, 2021  
a day at sea

### From the Navigator.



After letting go her lines last night, the Queen Elizabeth made her way out through Southampton water and into the Solent, where she disembarked her pilot and then continued out into the English Channel. Throughout the night the Queen Elizabeth followed a west south westerly course down the channel. Today she will enter the Bay of Biscay, and set south westerly courses towards Cape Finisterre and La Coruña. The Bay of Biscay is famously rich with marine life and so, if you are out on deck today, keep a good look out for dolphins and whales.



Wednesday  
3rd November, 2021

### From the Navigator.



This morning, Queen Elizabeth finished her transit of the Bay of Biscay as she made her final approach to the port of La Coruña. The port of La Coruña has a very rich maritime history. The Romans came to La Coruña in the second century BC and soon the city became quite important in maritime trade. After the fall of the Roman Empire, A Coruña still had a commercial port connected to foreign countries. Today, the port makes up 75% of Galician port traffic. For a navigator, one of the most interesting elements of the local area is the Tower of Hercules. It is the oldest extant lighthouse known and has an ancient Roman origin.

## La Coruña

La Coruña or A Coruña, as it is also known, is the capital of the province of La Coruña in the Galicia region of northwest Spain







Concello da Coruña  
The Town Hall of La Coruña, built in 1917, in the Plaza de María Pita



a demonstration was taking place





the Christian Radich of Oslo,  
seen many times previously

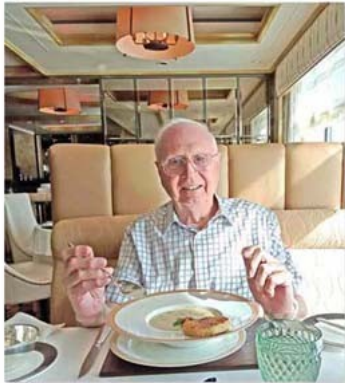


Thursday 4th November, 2021  
a day at sea

### From the Navigator.



Continuing with our theme for ancient maritime trivia, I would like to mention Cape Finisterre, a rock-bound peninsula on the West Coast of Galicia. We passed the Cape last night upon our departure from La Coruña. Its name derives from the Latin finis terrae, meaning "end of the earth" as, during the Roman Era, it was believed to be the end of the known world. Today we will set a south westerly course towards Madeira.



lunch in the Veranda Restaurant



Friday 5th November, 2021  
a second day at sea



Afternoon Tea in the Queen's Room



### From the Navigator.



Today Queen Elizabeth continues on her planned route on a south westerly course through the Atlantic Ocean, towards Madeira. The keen eyed amongst you may see some marine life. There is no guarantee of sightings, however Sperm Whales are present all year in the areas surrounding Madeira and the Azores. Authorities consider the species to be vulnerable, as its population has reduced considerably in the last 70 years.



## From the Navigator.



This morning Queen Elizabeth passed the smaller island of Porto Santo on the starboard side as she headed to the South Coast of the island of Madeira. She made her way to the pilot boarding ground, where the pilot was embarked. Madeira is an archipelago with volcanic origins from a Hot Spot, and is not geographically part of a specific continent. However, Madeira belongs culturally and economically to Europe. Funchal itself has been the capital of the island for over 500 years, and had it's first lighthouse built here in the 1450s.

Saturday 6th November, 2021

## Funchal, Madeira, Portugal







Sunday 7th November,2021

### From the Navigator.

Last night Queen Elizabeth disembarked her pilot just after the breakwaters and then set south easterly courses for Tenerife. She entered an area known as the Canaries Basin in the early hours of the morning, which, in parts, is up to 4800 metres deep. After approaching Tenerife's North Eastern Coast, Queen Elizabeth transited the traffic lane that took her directly to the pilot station where she took the local pilot on board, for the short run to her berth. The port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, is used by fishing boats, commercial and passenger ships and is the sister port to the port of Shenzhen, China.



a coach to Piuerto de la Cruz







before having his wallet stolen - in Ale Hop?





Santa Cruz de Tenerife



Monday 8th November, 2021

### From the Navigator.



After disembarking the pilot yesterday evening, Queen Elizabeth headed north east. This was not strictly the most direct route to her next port of call, however, separating the islands of Tenerife and Gran Canaria is a Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS). This can best be described as a motorway for ships; used to control the flow of traffic between the islands. Queen Elizabeth followed this scheme and then made an alteration to the south east to make her approach to Gran Canaria, where she finds herself this morning.

## Gran Canaria



Buque de Acción Marítima (offshore patrol vessels) of the Spanish Navy. P41 Meteoro and P43 Relámpago at their home port

looking over Las Palmas de Gran Canaria at the start of a tour to a coffee farm, Finca Los Castanos









Puerto de las Nieves





at the coffee farm,  
Finca Los Castaños  
in the Agaete Valley











## Lanzarote

### From the Navigator.



Queen Elizabeth completed a short pilotage yesterday evening to clear the port limits. Arrecife is the main port facility for Lanzarote and the second busiest in the Canary Islands in terms of passengers. Lanzarote is believed to have been the first Canary Island to be settled. An interesting piece of information about Lanzarote is that the Phoenicians are believed to have visited or settled there. Today, as we make our way from Lanzarote towards the Southern Coast of Spain, it is satisfying to know we are following in the footsteps of one of the greatest seafaring people in the history of the continent.

a tour to the Montañas del Fuego  
(Fire Mountains) in the  
Parque Nacional Timanfaya  
(Timanfaya National Park)





hot lava granules from the ground we are standing on







a stop at Bodegas La Geria, one of the oldest wineries on Lanzarote



Canarian Potatoes with Mojo Sauce. Lasted tasted during our visit to Lanzarote in December, 2019



the Lanzarote method of vine cultivation







(taking panoramic photos does play havoc with moving vehicles)



Arrecife, Lanzarote's capital





a day at sea,  
Wednesday  
10th November, 2021

#### From the Navigator,



Today Queen Elizabeth is making her way steadily north and east towards Cadiz. During her passage from Lanzarote towards the mainland of Europe she will be passing over various Seamounts, including the Vasco da Gama Seamount, and the Josephine Seamount, which has a height from the seabed of nearly five thousand metres; a similar height to Mont Blanc, in the Alps.



the Commodore Club

## Cádiz and Seville, Andalucia, Spain

Thursday 11th November, 2021



a tour to Seville, the capital and largest city of the Spanish autonomous community of Andalusia and the province of Seville. It is on the River Guadalquivir.

We crossed the El puente de la Constitución de 1812 (Constitution of 1812 Bridge) that we had seen being constructed over several cruises to Cádiz - the photo below was taken in December, 2013.



### From the Navigator.



As Queen Elizabeth made landfall in the early hours of this morning, her sea passage from the Canary Islands came to an end. Today she finds herself, once again, alongside in a port with a rich maritime heritage. As well as the port and various military buildings with links to the Spanish Navy, you may also see the Admiral's House. A house built for the Admiral of the Spanish treasure fleet; a convoy system of sea routes, which linked Spain with its territories in the Americas across the Atlantic. Early this morning Queen Elizabeth embarked her pilot and made her way slowly through the breakwaters into the port limits. She secured herself alongside, where she will remain for the day.





breakfast in a  
side street cafe  
in Seville









the Plaza de España,  
built in 1928 in preparation  
for Seville's hosting of the  
Ibero-American Exposition  
of 1929







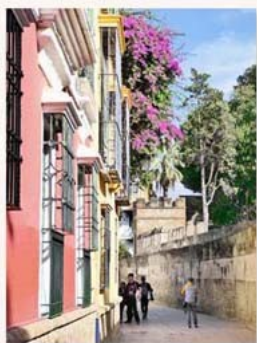








Restaurarnt La Cueva, Calle Rodrigo Caro







leaving Cádiz



## Lisbon, Portugal



### From the Navigator.



This morning the Queen Elizabeth made her way from the Atlantic Ocean, into the River Tagus. The local pilot was boarded at the entrance before Queen Elizabeth passed under the 'Ponte 25 de Abril' rail and road bridge. The 'Ponte 25 de Abril' is the seventeenth largest suspension bridge in the world, with a total length of 2,277 metres. Queen Elizabeth will also pass the Padrão dos Descobrimentos; a monument on the northern bank of the Tagus River estuary. It is located along the river where ships departed to explore and trade with India and the Orient, the monument celebrates the Portuguese Age of Discovery during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.



As usual, the shuttle bus from the cruise terminal drops us off in the main city square, Praça dos Restauradores, immediately by the former cinema, the Eden Teatro which opened in 1931.

Our route passes many of the locations we have seen many times before - such as the statue to the workers who constructed the many stone set pavements then on to the Praça de D. Pedro IV and the railway station.

Estação de Caminhos de Ferro do Rossio (Rossio Train Station) built between 1886 and 1887 by order of the Portuguese Royal Railway Company.

The station, then called the Estação Central (Central Station) would make the connection between Lisbon and Sintra. The tunnel through which trains must pass in order to get to the Rossio Train Station was deemed, at the time of its construction, and today even, a marvel of engineering.

The effigies of António Maria de Fontes Pereira de Melo (a Portuguese statesman and engineer) and Britain's George Stephenson are in the centre of the facade.



(opposite) roasted Chestnuts seller outside the station



ADtranz class 2300 train for Sintra





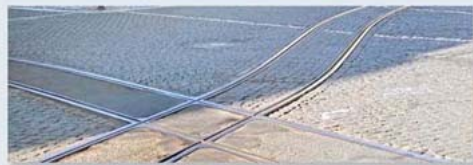








at AleHop, of course





A lunch then buying macaroons at Paul bakery in Rua Augusta. Founded in 1889, Paul Bakery emerged in the heart of a family of French farmers. Charlemagne Mayot and his wife opened a small pastry shop near Lille. In 1985 the first store outside France was open, in Barcelona, and currently, the bakery is present in 46 countries.



departing from Lisbon





Saturday 13th November,2021,  
a day at sea

### From the Navigator.



After leaving her berth in Lisbon yesterday, Queen Elizabeth followed a reciprocal track down the River Tagus, into the Atlantic Ocean. After disembarking her pilot, she set northerly courses to parallel the coast of Portugal, which is on her starboard side.

In the early afternoon she will round Cape Finisterre, once again, to enter the Bay of Biscay. This is where she will spend the remainder of her day at sea.



lunch in the Steakhouse  
Veranda Restaurant



Sunday 14th November,2021,  
last day at sea, arriving in  
Southampton tomorrow, Monday

### From the Navigator.



Today Queen Elizabeth will continue her transit of the Bay of Biscay. In the early afternoon she will pass 'Ouessant' or 'Ushant', which will mark the end of her Biscay transit, and the start of the English Channel: a sea lane notorious for its high concentrations of traffic and strong tidal currents, reaching up to 4 knots. In the early hours of tomorrow morning Queen Elizabeth will embark her local pilot at the Nab Tower, and make approaches to her berth in Southampton.



Captain Stephen Howarth  
and Sherree Valentine  
Daines. Her first live painting  
demonstration, held in the  
Queens Room

