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Cunard honors WWII heroes with onboard discussions

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Venerated War Veterans to join a special Transatlantic Crossing on Queen Mary 2 in partnership with The Greatest Generations Foundation. Image credit: Cunard

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Luxury cruise line Cunard is commemorating the 75th anniversary of D-Day with an immersive onboard experience that focuses on World War II.

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Six WWII heroes will board the Queen Mary 2 and share their unique stories with guests. Cunard and The Greatest Generations Foundation will partner to honor these brave men.

Commemoration

Throughout France and the United States, Cunard and TGGF will work to celebrate the battle of Normandy and D-Day, bringing an end to WWII.

Cunard's celebration is exhibiting its part of history in relation to war, as its Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth were transformed into troopships and carried over 1.5 million servicemen across the Atlantic.

"Back by popular demand, Cunard is privileged to partner for the third consecutive year with The Greatest Generations Foundation, to host a select group of World War II veterans, several of whom served in Normandy," said Josh Leibowitz, senior vice president at Cunard North America, in a statement. "This special Transatlantic Crossing presents an incredible opportunity for our guests to meet and pay tribute to these heroes and their significant contributions to WWII."



Cunard's Queen Mary 2. Image credit: Cunard

Frank Devita, Steven Melnikoff, Samuel Lindsey Pope, Joseph Reilly, Robert Goldstein and Gregory J. Melikian are the heroes that will participate in the onboard Q and As.

Topics in the discussion will be Normandy: Their Longest Day; Normandy: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Omaha Beach; The Dead & Those About To Die: Airborne All The Way; Beyond the Beachhead: Hill 108 (Purple Heart Hill) and The Greatest Generation: Their World War II Triumphs.

The cruise will depart New York on May 24, 2019 and sail for a total of seven days.

Cunard is often offering unique and niche trip itineraries for guests of all interests.

For instance, the luxury cruise line is also providing a special trip to New York for ballet lovers.

In a partnership with the English National Ballet, Cunard is providing guests with a rare opportunity to not only see a special performance but also a behind-the-scenes look at rehearsals and meet the dancers. The one-time-only trip will cruise from Southampton to New York from Aug. 11 to 18, 2019 ([see story](#)).

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