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Cunard, looking to bright future, announces grand World Voyage on Queen Mary 2 for 2022

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The Queen Mary 2 is the lead ship in the Cunard portfolio, which also includes the Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth. Image credit: Cunard

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Cruise line Cunard is shaking off the travel blues by announcing the launch of an ambitious around-the-world voyage on its Queen Mary 2 flagship liner.

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The 2022 World Voyage is a 118-night cruise through Asia, Australia, Middle East and Europe. The Queen Mary 2 will make calls to Greece, Dubai, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Australia and Bali, Abu Dhabi, Oman, Italy and Portugal, with outbound and return sailings through the Suez Canal.

"Our guests have told us they want memorable destinations which combine intrinsic glamour and heritage," said Cunard president Simon Palethorpe in a statement.

"This unique program spans 16 countries, offering a combined 33 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, which we hope will combine the perfect blend of exploration on shore and relaxation on board," he said.

Cunard, like most of its peers, has grounded its voyages this year due to port closures over the COVID-19 pandemic.



Passengers enjoying a voyage on the Queen Mary 2. Image credit: Cunard

Ship shape

The **voyage** sets sail from New York Jan. 3, 2022 and returns on May 1, 2022. It will include overnight stops in Haifa, Dubai, Hong Kong, Sydney and Singapore, plus a late night departure from Colombo.

Passengers on the full World Voyage have a board reception, services of a World Voyage concierge and use of a private lounge, as well as a gala event ashore and complimentary daily gratuities.

Prices for an inside stateroom for the entire 118-night voyage start at \$18,999 per person.

"This 118-night round-trip New York voyage can be split into six segments and booked individually, which is tailored to those who want to fully immerse themselves in the Cunard experience for just a portion of the journey," Mr. Palethorpe said. "It truly is the ultimate exploration of East meets West experienced from the magnificent setting of the world's only ocean liner, the Queen Mary 2.

"Guests on board will be able to take advantage of a multitude of luxurious offerings whether they want to be entertained, learn something new, get active or simply relax, while the ambience throughout the ship is warm, friendly and inclusive," he said.