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THE CENTENARY WORLD VOYAGE

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Readers are invited on this voyage, where they will explore the profound and transformative experiences that come with such an epic journey. With Ellen's extensive career as a BBC broadcaster, Fleet Street journalist, author, and theatre professional, Ellen delivers a unique and insightful perspective to her storytelling.

Her journey is not just about the physical voyage but delves into her personal growth and the life-changing moments that occurred along the way.



"The Centenary World Voyage" promises to be an inspirational read for those who love travel, seek personal transformation, or simply want to enjoy a well-crafted narrative with photos from a seasoned communicator.

Ellen's rich experiences and varied career add depth to her tale, making it a compelling and memorable adventure for all who join her on Queen Mary 2's around the world voyage.

Ellen Frazer-Jameson









The Centenary World Voyage

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Solo Traveller Ellen Frazer-Jameson

"There is no aloneness when you are connected to the vastness of the Universe. Gratitude fills my heart, and I could not imagine a more luxurious celestial vessel than Cunard Queen Mary 2 on which to journey around this inspirational world."

THE CENTENARY WORLD VOYAGE ITINERARY



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Solo Traveller Ellen Frazer-Jameson

(Suez Canal Transit)

"As we sail at an unhurried pace between the two banks, the water is smooth and rippled, bright blue and the palest green; all around there is a mysterious quietness. Sand dunes on either bank reflect in the sunlight displaying colours from virgin white sand to the darkest brown."



It is late afternoon when we disembark the pilots and QM2 is on its way out to the open sea. Few travel experiences deliver such a unique and unforgettable adventure.

THE JOURNEY
THROUGH THE
SUEZ CANAL
HAS MYSTERY
AND A FEELING
OF BEING
TRANSPORTED
TO A SECRET
LAND

This is definitely one to tick off the bucket list.

Suez Canal, been there, done that, will treasure
the memory for life.





INTERLUDE

A photographic contribution by award winning photographer and Cunarder, JD Schwartz

Readers will savor the iconic photographic collection on board Cunard Queen Mary 2 from JD Schwartz' five transatlantic crossings detailing the world's greatest ocean liner inside and out.

Seas The Moment.





INTERLUDE PHOTO GALLERY



This photographic collection serves as a visual love affair with Queen Mary 2 by award winning photographer JD Schwartz. Delve into and transcend into the grandeur, allure, and magic of one of the most famous ocean liners in modern day history.

Joshua has been instrumental in the design, production, and publishing of this remarkable book. He, like myself, is passionate about oceanic travel and is a true Cunarder, having sailed on Queen Mary 2, Queen Elizabeth, and Queen Victoria. His award-winning photography adds a captivating element to this journey, beautifully reflecting his experiences aboard Queen Mary 2.

Thank you, Joshua, for your dedication and for tackling the monumental, and at times daunting, task of assembling the QM2 Centenary World Voyage of 2023.

— ELLEN







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QUEEN MARY 2 - THE SHIP







DAY 87 | GQEBERH (FORMERLY PORT ELIZABETH), SOUTH AFRICA

GQEBERH (formerly Port Elizabeth) is one of the largest cities in South Africa. The city stretches for 16km along Algoa Bay and is one of the major seaports in South Africa. The area was the first settled by the hunting and gathering people, ancestors to the San at least 100,000 years ago. A little over 2,000 years ago, agricultural populations, ancestors to the Xhosa migrated into the region from the north, eventually displacing or assimilating the region's indigenes. The first Europeans to visit the area were Portugese explorers. For centuries, the area was marked on navigation charts as "a landing place with fresh water."

Port Elizabeth was founded as a town in 1820 to house British settlers to strengthen the border region between Cape Colony and the Xhosa. Port Elizabeth is known by the name "friendly city" but it is also "windy city". For this reason, across the countryside, wind farms are growing up to help alleviate the major challenges faced by residents in having a constant power supply to homes and businesses.

The city is also experiencing one of the worst droughts in its history and when friends visit, the gift they thoughtfully bring is a 5-litre flagon of water.



The name of the city is in the process of being changed from the obviously British affiliation to one with a tribal connection. The British settled the whole area, two hundred years ago, and engaged in ongoing wars with the indigenous Corsa people. The great statesman, Nelson Mandela, who was imprisoned on Robben Island as a terrorist in the mid years of the 20th century, was a high-status member of the Corsas.



On release from his prison sentence, Nelson Mandela became President of a new South Africa where apartheid was abolished, and a government of reconciliation established. The South African population is a dynamic mix of Europeans; British, Dutch, German, Afrikaans and indigenous tribes. Economic development areas encourage town dwellers to move to the suburbs and affluent residential areas are known as millionaire's row (South African currency). Lower and no income areas are crowded together close to city centres.



A network of taxis fills the roads as enterprising drivers deliver workers to local areas. Also, an unofficial service of transit vans, known as squirrel. Squirrel is mostly run by women who ferry their children to and from school.











SEA DAYS

Ellen's journey includes many sea days.

Reader's will treasure reports from sea featuring life on board including interviews with artists, lecturers, authors, and dancers to the coveted behind-the-scenes tour which includes an exclusive one-on-one interview with Queen Mary 2's Captain.







As we complete this fascinating Behind the Scenes series, and near the end of the 2023 Centenary World Voyage, it's my pleasure to share with you a very special interview. Captain Andrew Hall agreed to sit down with me and answer questions about QM2 and his own path to taking command as Captain of the world's only ocean liner sailing today.

INTRODUCING CAPTAIN ANDREW HALL

Captain Andrew Hall is the Master of Queen Mary 2. He first assumed command in June 2020 and is sailing QM2 to Southampton before handing over the ship to Captain Aseem Hashmi, who will complete the final segment of the World Voyage in New York on 30th April 2023.

Captain Hall is from the South West of England and before he left active service was Deputy Captain on QE2.

Captain Hall began his seagoing career in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, a naval auxiliary fleet owned by the U.K.'s Ministry of Defence. It provides logistical and operational support to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. They are a uniformed civilian branch of the Royal Navy staffed by British merchant seamen.

Captain Hall initially avoided following the family seafaring tradition. His father served for many years in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and it was his long absences at sea and the disruption to family life that persuaded the young Andrew he did not want to be a sailor. He purposely chose a different career path.

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SEA DAYS | QUEEN MARY 2

Andrei Cavassi is a musician with an incredible cultural heritage, his bloodline including Greek, Italian, Hungarian and Romanian decent. He hails from a long line of classical musicians, marking the 4th generation of artists in his family.

Andrei started studying cello in Bucharest, followed by Zurich and Hamburg but his most inspiring pedagogical influence came from Maria Kliegel from whom he received lessons in Luxembourg.



BEHIND THE MUSIC OF ANDREI CAVASS

Through the years, his performance mesmerized audiences on three continents, from the Berliner Philarmonie, till Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires or Blue Note in Tokyo staging along world class artists including Misha Maisky and Serghei Polunin.

Andrei is the winner of the Gold Medal at the Vienna International Music Competition in 2019.

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Since 2010 he moved to Japan to pursue his career, often coming back to Europe to perform upon request. Andrei's incredible gift is to transpose the audience into a higher dimension, taking the public into a breathless and amazing musical journey from the very first touch of the strings. His music is considered to be as versatile as the voice of his cello.

He has created and produced several music events in partnership with Tokyo Metropolitan City Hall as part

> of the official program of Tokyo Olympics, Unplugged by Andrei Cavassi (100 years of diplomacy between Romania and Japan anniversary event in 2021) as well as covering the music programs for Harry Winston Tokyo (2021). As a vivid expression of his artistic versatility, Andrei Cavassi was appointed World Ambassador for Maison Christian Dior for the last two years and elected Best Dressed Men at Elle Style Awards in 2018.

> He was featured in Elle Magazine, Harper's Bazar, Tokyo TBS Television, Rock FM, Luxury Magazine, Business Magazine,

Kanal D Television, Smart FM, Tokyo NHK Television, Bravo! Magazine, We Love Music, Romanian National Television, Antena 1 Television, A List Magazine, Viva Magazine, Digi 24 Television, Aleph TV etc

"I invite you to sit and have a glimpse of life's grandeur through the cello's vibrancy of this amazing artist. " Andrei Cavassi's music moves easily onward into the listener's souls revealing a magic realm where sound meets vibrance creating an absolute bliss.

Solo Traveller Ellen Frazer-Jameson

As a bright-eyed first time World Voyager my mission was to discover my life purpose. All the existential questions, "Who am I? What do I want to achieve? How can I become the best version of myself? What does the future hold for me?" I wrote an ode to the journey and pasted it on my stateroom wall.

"Every day further from home. Free to explore, dream, imagine. Escaping the past or sailing to a bright future? Who knows where the heart's journey will end?"



World-Class Contributors

JOSHUA D. SCHWARTZ

Award Winning Photographer, Visual Arts And Graphic Designer, Marketing Consultant

Joshua's love for the sea, particularly the grandeur of ocean liners, is profoundly evident in his experiences aboard the Queen Mary 2. Having crossed the Atlantic five times on this magnificent vessel, Joshua has developed an intimate knowledge of the ship, one that transcends mere familiarity.

As a photographer, he sees QM2 not just as a mode of transportation but as a work of art—a floating masterpiece that embodies the pinnacle of maritime design. The ship's iconic lines, combined with her bold and steady presence, offer endless photographic opportunities, making her, in Joshua's eyes, perhaps the most picture-perfect ship in the world.

But Joshua's admiration for the QM2 goes beyond her aesthetic appeal. He perceives the ship as having a "bold and steady heartbeat," a vibrant spirit that distinguishes her from all other vessels. To him, QM2's allure is unmatched, positioning her as the finest ship in the world, not just in terms of luxury and design but from the very essence of what makes a ship extraordinary—her soul. Joshua believes that this ocean liner stands out as a beacon of maritime excellence, embodying everything that makes a ship truly great, from the bottom up.

Joshua's talents, however, extend far beyond his passion for ships and photography. He is also a skilled marketing and branding professional, as well as a digital and internet expert. His diverse expertise makes him a valuable asset in any project, particularly in the realm of publishing and online content creation. When the opportunity arose to assist Ellen with the technicalities of authoring and publishing The World Voyage blog and book, Joshua was the perfect choice. His ability to blend his technical know-how with his creative vision made him an indispensable partner in bringing Ellen's vision to life, ensuring that her story reached the world in the most compelling and effective way possible.

Joshua is a man of many talents, and his contributions to the fields of visual arts, maritime history, and publishing are a testament to his versatility and passion. Whether he is capturing the perfect shot of a ship on the open sea, helping an author navigate the complexities of publishing, or crafting a compelling brand narrative, Joshua brings a unique blend of creativity, expertise, and passion to everything he does.

World-Class Contributors (con't)

PATRICIA VANIKIOTIS / Editor

Aside from daytrips to her beloved Oregon coast in her family's 1962 Chevy station wagon, Patricia's early travels primarily involved excursions in her mind accompanied by characters from her favorite books: traipsing over alpine meadows with Heidi, following the rugged Oregon Trail in a covered wagon, living in a tropical treehouse with the Swiss Family Robinson. That love of books and the places they could take her teacher (and bolstered by rigorous grammar instruction from the nuns at her parochial grade school!) led her to choose a career as a high school language arts teacher.

Patricia began augmenting her teacher's salary with work as a freelance copy editor and writer. She has worked for small publishing houses, but her primary clients have been in the travel sector, particularly the cruise industry. These include Holland America Line, Windstar and Seabourn as well as Carnival Corp., for which she edited everything from direct marketing materials, brochures, corporate communications, and internal newsletters to onboard magazines, annual reports, and press releases. Perhaps her favorite assignments have involved working on shore excursion books for Grand World Voyages, allowing her to virtually experience one of these extensive circumnavigations.

For the past 16 years Patricia has also served as copy editor and associate editor for *Global Traveler* magazine and FXExpress Publications, Inc., for which she also writes a weekly travel blog and occasional articles. From her home base in Southern Oregon, she enjoys experiencing the wonders of the world with her family and friends and is especially fond of the many cruises she has taken. While she still enjoys being transported to far-off lands through the pages of a book, nothing quite takes the place of experiencing the diverse landscapes, people and cultures of the globe firsthand.

MÓNICA DAZA VIÁFARA / Destination Photography

Monica is a professional photographer from Bogotá, Colombia, passionate about capturing the world through her lens. With a background in Cinema, Television, and Video Production, she has worked as a camera operator and producer on community television channels in Colombia. Photography, a cherished hobby passed down through her family, has become an integral part of her life. After living in Argentina, Mónica transitioned to customer service roles in various companies. This unique combination of experiences ultimately led her to work as a photographer on board cruise ships and ocean liners, allowing her to achieve her lifelong dream of traveling the world while expressing her art.

Having traveled to every continent, Mónica has gathered a wealth of unforgettable memories, friendships, and stories that she weaves into her work. Through her lens, she connects with diverse individuals from all walks of life, enriching her understanding of the world. For Mónica, photography serves as a visual document and a chronicle of her journey, enabling her to share the beauty and complexity of the world with others. Each adventure inspires her artistic style and helps her forge meaningful connections with the places and people she encounters.

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