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*** Media Advisory ***

Queen Elizabeth 2 Calls On New Orleans Monday ***World Famous Cruise Ship To Visit New Orleans For First Time***

New Orleans—The *Queen Elizabeth 2*, dubbed the most luxurious and famous cruise ship in the world, will call on New Orleans for the first time in her nearly 40-year history Monday.

The 963-foot ship and its 1,778 passengers will make a port call in the Crescent City, meaning guests will tour New Orleans, but there will be no embarkations or disembarkations.

“The Port of New Orleans is extremely honored to host a ship of this caliber,” said Port President and CEO Gary LaGrange. “It is a show of confidence in our cruise ship terminals and in New Orleans’ rebounding tourism industry. We want to welcome these world travelers and invite them back to visit again.”

The *Queen Elizabeth 2* is scheduled to arrive at 8 a.m. Monday at the Port’s Julia Street Cruise Terminal and depart by 11 p.m. the same day. Tours of downtown attractions are scheduled throughout the day for the ship’s passengers.

The *QE2* was christened in 1967 and since has traveled 5.5 million nautical miles – more than any other cruise ship – completing 24 full world cruises. Registered in Southampton, England, the *QE2* has crossed the Atlantic nearly 800 times. She is also the fastest cruise ship in the world, able to reach speeds of 32.5 knots.

The vessel’s history has not always been one of luxury cruises, however. In 1982, she was requisitioned by the British Government for service in the Falklands Campaign and joined the ranks of her predecessor – the *Queen Elizabeth* – which was converted to a troop transport ship during World War II.

- **What:** *Queen Elizabeth 2* Port Call
- **When:** Monday, Nov. 27, 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.
- **Where:** Port of New Orleans’ Julia Street Cruise Terminal
- **How:** There is no media availability onboard the ship but members of the media wishing to photograph or get video of the vessel at the dock can contact Chris Bonura or Matt Gresham Monday morning to arrange dock-side access.

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