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## The queen's travels, in photos

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Queen Elizabeth II on a rainforest walk at Red Peak, near Cairns, Queensland, Australia on March 1, 2002. (Ian Inniss/Daily Telegraph Pool/AFP/Getty Images)

[Queen Elizabeth II](#) couldn't help but set a new standard for travel diplomacy. She was born in 1926, witnessing the world move from steamships to all [manner of aircraft](#). She reached supersonic speed on the Concorde in 1977 and became a regular on Australian airline Qantas. According to records kept by the royal family, the queen logged 285 official tours, including [state visits with foreign leaders](#) and jaunts across the [vast Commonwealth](#) of [former colonies](#).

Given the length and transportation advancements of her reign, she may be the [most-traveled monarch](#), at once a stoic dignitary and a living symbol of Britain's [imperial history](#).

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We've collected a life's worth of travel photos of the queen, from Paris, China and Nigeria to the South Lawn of the White House and Memorial Stadium in Baltimore.



Then-Princess Elizabeth, the future Queen Elizabeth II, during her official visit to Canada in October 1951. (AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II waves to the crowd as her car passes on the Alexandre III bridge in Paris during a state visit in France on April 8, 1957. (AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II waves to the crowd as she rides an elephant next to maharajah of Jaipur Man Singh II at the City Palace in Jaipur, India, on Jan. 24, 1961. (Central Press/AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II visits the New Hebrides Condominium in February 1974. (AFP/Getty Images)





Queen Elizabeth II holds a flag in front of an officer from the RAAF Base Richmond in Sydney on March 12, 1986, during a state visit to Australia. (Patrick Riviere/AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, visit the Great Wall of China in 1986. (AFP/Getty Images)



President George H.W. Bush, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and Barbara Bush wave to the crowd before the start of the Orioles vs. Oakland Athletics baseball game at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore on May 15, 1991. (J. David Ake/AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip ride a barge on a tour down the San Antonio River Walk on May 21, 1991. (Bob Daemmrich/AFP/Getty Images)





Queen Elizabeth II watches the assembly of a vehicle at a Land Rover factory in the northwest of Pretoria, South Africa, on March 24, 1995. (Simon Walker/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II's dogs leave the aircraft after her flight from Aberdeen at Heathrow Airport in London on Sept. 16, 1998. She next boarded a flight to Brunei for an official visit. (Tim Ockenden/AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II removes her shoes at the request of family members of her host after entering a 400-year-old house with her shoes on — contrary to Korean custom — in the village of Hahoe, Andong province, 166 miles southeast of Seoul, on April 21, 1999. (Choo Youn-Kong/AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II drops a ceremonial puck before the Vancouver Canucks preseason game against the San Jose Sharks, Oct. 6, 2002, in Vancouver, Canada. (Kim Stallknecht/AFP/Getty Images)





Queen Elizabeth II laughs with Noidi Okereke Onyiwke (L in purple), director general of the Nigerian stock exchange, during a reception for the queen at the State House on Dec. 3, 2003, in Abuja, Nigeria. (Nic Bothma/Pool/AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II and President George W. Bush watch the U.S. Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps march on the South Lawn of the White House May 7, 2007, in Washington. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II views an indoor replica of Roker Beach exhibition on July 18, 2012, in Sunderland, England, during a two-day visit to the northeastern England as part of her Diamond Jubilee Tour. (Arthur Edwards/WPA Pool/Getty Images)





Spectators with Union Jack flags watch as Queen Elizabeth II takes a boat trip on the River Spree to the chancellery in Berlin on June 24, 2015. (Ronny Hartmann/AFP/Getty Images)



Queen Elizabeth II views horses, accompanied by trainer Paul Nicholls, right, and staff, during a visit to Manor Farm Stables on March 28, 2019, in Ditchheat, England. (Matt Keeble/Getty Images)



Prince Charles and Queen Elizabeth II attend the Royal Company of Archers Reddendo Parade in the gardens of the Palace of Holyroodhouse on June 30, 2022, in Edinburgh, Scotland. (Jeff J Mitchell/Getty Images)