

Martin Farr, audience emails,
Queen Victoria, Southampton-Fort Lauderdale, January 2020

17 January 2019

"Very interesting lectures I would appreciate what copies you can send cliff"

17 January 2019

"Thank you for giving such a splendid series of lectures. Stimulating, perceptive and entertaining in equal measure. Very enjoyable. I would like to take you up on your offer for sight of the latest draft chapter on the Trump and May relationship. I will almost certainly wait until we leave the ship before downloading! Thanks again for the lectures Regards Barry"

19 January 2019

" We have thoroughly enjoyed all of your lectures - I am sure we will see you again on Cunard ships! I would be grateful if you could send me any of the lecture notes etc. Kind regards Lynne"

20 January 2020

"Martin, I greatly enjoyed your talks, but missed a couple. Please could you let me have your notes as offered. Many thanks Sue."

22 January 2020

"Again, many thanks for your excellent presentations onboard the Queen Victoria. I hope you have arrived home safely and will soon feel rested from your journey. Could I please ask you for the extra chapters you mentioned at various times during your presentations? I hope your future plans include more presentations to Cunard passengers. They were rivetting. Best wishes Lin"

23 January 2019

"It was a great pleasure to meet you on board last week. Your excellent lectures (all seven of them) were the best we've heard in our twelve voyages at sea – in academic terms that may not be the highest of barriers to cross, but your insights on UK/US, Thatcher and Brexit included thoughts that were original and thought-provoking (even to me). I hope you enjoyed your first experience of cruising and that you might be back on the same cruise next year, as we decided to re-book the same voyage for 2021. Best regards for the year ahead and hope to see you soon. Paul"

23 January 2019

"My wife and I are currently travelling the South America Voyage on Queen Victoria and we both attended your lectures on the run across from Southampton UK to Fort Lauderdale in the USA. I would like to express our grateful thanks for such a superb set of lectures on political relationships between the UK and the USA. Your delivery was dynamic and memorable and delivered in a refreshingly light way which meant we both stayed awake for the whole series. Having cruised for many years, this flippant comment is genuine as the theatre is a place to doze off for many as the darkness and ships movement gently rock most cruisers to sleep. As well as additional impromptu lectures due to the weather which meant an extra day at sea; you were faced with some mighty heavy seas on the crossing which were a challenge to stand up to but your delivery was seamless. Certainly a lot learnt and we hope to see you again on a future cruise, your knowledge and delivery most impressive. Kind regards Steven and Mary"

27 January 2019

"Thank you very much, Martin. I have to say, I don't enjoy politics as a subject but I really enjoyed your lectures so you have made a convert! Kind regards Gwynne"

28 January 2020

"I did enjoy your lecture about Brexit on the Queen Victoria recently. It is refreshing to have things put into a longer term perspective, as opposed to the daily press cycles. Thank you.
Thank and Kind Regards, Iain"

Agent, 7 February 2020

"The passengers rated your lectures as an 8.67 of a scale from 1 to 10, which is a great score. The ship's management reported that overall you delivered an excellent and balanced program. They mentioned that there were a few images that could be considered controversial (such as a slide of Boris Johnson and Donald Trump kissing and a cartoons of Margaret Thatcher). Our cruise line clients prefer the lectures to be conservative and from a unbiased point of view. We are very grateful for the fine job you did and look forward to booking you again!"

19 February 2020

"I expect your cruise on the Queen Victoria is now but a distant memory. We are now back home having got off in Rio de Janeiro. The voyage up the Amazon was truly amazing. We have not forgotten your fascinating and interesting lectures. Jennie has I know written to Cunard recommending you for future cruises! I would very much like to take you up on your kind offer of sending us some of your lecture notes and illustrations. If you have the time I would very much appreciate the opportunity to have a second chance of learning from them. Hope all is well with you in Newcastle and it was a great pleasure to meet you as well as listen to you!
Best wishes, Chris and Jennie"

27 March 2020

"We were recently passengers on the Queen Victoria where we were thoroughly informed, enlightened and entertained by your presentations. We realise that this is not the best time to contact you but would much appreciate the forwarding of the papers you mentioned at the end of your talks. We hope you are keeping safe and well, Kind regards, Beverley and Robert"

12 April 2020

"We would like to thank you for enriching our voyage on board Queen Victoria back in January. Your presentations on the special relationship (and many things related) were absolutely fascinating, and a true highlight of the trip. Your passion and knowledge about the topics were self-evident, and we particularly appreciated the novel way you told the stories through political cartoons: you made us laugh while educating us! (To refresh your memory, we were the Canadian couple who spoke to you near the stairwell after one of your presentations early in the voyage.) I don't know if you were bitten by the cruising "bug" in January, but I'm guessing you probably don't have any voyages planned over the next few months. Despite everything, Leah and I are looking forward to our next trip, though when that will be, we have really no idea. We had made a reservation on QM2 for May 2021 and we're in no rush to cancel, but circumstances will likely dictate the timing for us. Whenever our next trip does happen, we only hope that the enrichment program includes somebody as informative and entertaining as yourself! Gary and Leah"

13 April 2020

"I hope you are well and are keeping safe during these worrying times. We all thought Brexit was the next main challenge! We managed to finish our trip (although we returned two days early), having circled South America and transiting the Panama canal. All in all we had a fabulous time, seeing some amazing places, having some great experiences and meeting some lovely people. You are included in the last category, you made a lasting impression on our dining table, everyone was still talking about you in fond ways weeks after you disembarked. Di, Alan, Ann, Tony and obviously Ginny all wanted me to pass on their love and best wishes and to thank you for helping make our trip very enjoyable. Take care Martin, best wishes Chris."