Queen’s Baton Relay
International Sector
When the Queen’s Baton arrives at the Opening Ceremony of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™ (GC2018) on 4 April 2018, the entire Commonwealth will have been a part of the journey, giving everyone the opportunity to Share the Dream.

On an ambitious journey to connect with the modern and diverse Commonwealth of today, the GC2018 Queen’s Baton Relay (QBR) will achieve two records – it will be the longest relay ever, and the most accessible relay to date.

The QBR has been the traditional curtain-raiser to the Commonwealth Games since the 1958 Games in Cardiff, Wales. The Queen’s Baton carries a message from Her Majesty The Queen, through all nations and territories as a call to the Commonwealth to come together in friendly competition at the Games.

It is the vision of the XXI Commonwealth Games to stage a great QBR that embraces the Commonwealth’s diversity, ignites community pride and excites the Commonwealth about the GC2018.

The Relay will start at Buckingham Palace on Monday 13 March 2017 – Commonwealth Day. At the commencement ceremony Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, will place Her message into the Baton and entrust its journey with the many batonbearers who will carry it around the Commonwealth.

Over the 288-day international sector, the Baton will spend between two and four days in each nation and territory, taking time to embrace every community it visits across Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Oceania.

The Baton will be the most accessible yet; not just passing through, but spending quality time in each Relay community. This will give more than one-third of the world’s population, the opportunity to have a memorable experience with the Baton and Share the Dream of the QBR and GC2018.

Although called a relay, running is not central to the QBR. Accessible and alternate modes of transport will carry the Baton on its journey throughout the Commonwealth, embracing the local culture and traditions of each nation and territory the Baton visits.

It is the aim of the GC2018 QBR to be the first relay to arrive in Saint Helena by plane; in previous relays the Baton has arrived on the RMS St Helena. In another first, the Baton will be present at the Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG); The Bahamas will host the 2017 CYG from 19 to 23 July 2017 in the capital Nassau.

Showing leadership in sustainability is a priority for the GC2018 QBR, with consideration given to ensure the Relay leaves positive economic, environmental, social and community legacies.

Starting in Australia on 25 December 2017, the Relay will commence a 100-day domestic sector, concluding its journey at the Games Opening Ceremony. The final Batonbearer will return the Baton to Her Majesty The Queen (or Her Representative), where the message will be removed from the Baton and read aloud to officially open GC2018.

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Fact sheet

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<td>Sun 28 May 2017</td>
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  - **Arrive:** Sat 20 May 2017

- **Nation / Territory:** Falkland Islands (to Europe)
  - **Arrive:** Sat 12 Aug 2017

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**XXI Commonwealth Games**
International Sector

Nations, Territories and Regions

AFRICA
Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia

CARIBBEAN
Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands

EUROPE
Cyprus, England, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Malta, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

AMERICAS
The Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Canada, Falkland Islands, Guyana, Saint Helena

ASIA
Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka

OCEANIA
Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

International Sequence

Oceania

57. Nauru (from Asia)  Wed 1 Nov 2017
58. Kiribati  Fri 3 Nov 2017
59. Niue  Tue 7 Nov 2017
60. Cook Islands  Sat 11 Nov 2017
61. Tonga  Thu 16 Nov 2017
62. Fiji  Mon 20 Nov 2017
63. Samoa  Thu 23 Nov 2017
64. Tuvalu  Tue 28 Nov 2017
65. Papua New Guinea  Fri 1 Dec 2017
66. Solomon Islands  Tue 5 Dec 2017
67. Vanuatu  Sat 9 Dec 2017
68. Norfolk Island  Fri 15 Dec 2017
69. New Zealand  Sun 17 Dec 2017
70. Australia (Domestic Sector)  Sun 24 Dec 2017

VISITING ALL COMMONWEALTH nations and territories

Starts on 13 March 2017, BUCKINGHAM PALACE Commonwealth Day

388 DAYS

OPENING CEREMONY

4 April 2018

230,000 KM

50% COMMONWEALTH citizens are aged 25 and under

#QBR2018

Share the Dream

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2017