

Since her first journey overseas, in 1947, Her Majesty has made many official visits abroad, both before and after her accession. In the autumn of 1951, she and the Duke of Edinburgh made an extensive tour of Canada. While Princess Elizabeth was on the first stage of a tour to Australia and New Zealand in 1952, she received the news of her father's death, and of her own accession to the Throne.

Her Majesty was crowned Queen in Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953, in an august ceremony attended by representatives from all parts of the Commonwealth. For the first time in history, the coronation of a British sovereign was recorded by television.

Since 1953, The Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh, has made periodic tours within the Commonwealth, and has paid state visits to other countries. The present tour is her fourth official visit to Canada.