



# Ship Fact Sheet



## ADRIA (1873)

Base data at 2 December 1873. Last amended November 2008

\* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	General cargo liner
P&O Group service	1873-1881
P&O Group status	Owned by parent company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	J Blumer & Co
Yard	Sunderland
Country	UK
Yard number	23
Registry	London, UK
Official number	68495
Signal letters	WSHC
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	1,225 grt
Net tonnage	781 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	72.39m (287.6ft)
Breadth	9.23m (30.3ft)
Depth	6.58m (21.6ft)
Draught	
Construction (if not steel)	Iron
Engines	Compound inverted direct-acting steam engines
Engine builders	Simpson & Co
Works	London
Country	UK
Power	487 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	11 knots
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	Venice/Alexandria, then Eastern services

**Career**

- 11.1873: Launched.  
 1873: Purchased for £26,500 after completion, to be a coal, stores and cargo carrier; arguably P&O's first real cargo ship.
- 02.12.1873: Registered as *Adria* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. *Adria* is a town and ancient port in northeast Italy.
- 24.12.1873: Left builders for Southampton and Alexandria. Though intended to be employed in the Far East where P&O was experimenting with Japanese and Formosan coal supplies, she was initially used as an extra vessel for two voyages on the Alexandria/Venice service.
- 01.03.1875: Return voyage Hong Kong/Cookstown/Sydney.
- 03.12.1880: Made what was probably a pilgrim voyage Bombay/Aden/ Hodeida/ Jeddah/Yenbo/Tor/Suez, returning via Jeddah, Hodeida, Aden and Karachi.
- 18.05.1881: Return voyage Hong Kong/Saigon.  
 12.1881: Sold for £3,337/16/2d, because she was underpowered and needed new boilers and other repairs, to Hajee Cassum Joosub, Bombay.
- 06.05.1886: Wrecked off Pemba when en route from Bombay and Mauritius to Zanzibar with general cargo and 123 passengers.

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