



Ship Fact Sheet



TONGARIRO (1883) later ZIBENGLA

Base data at 17 October 1883. Last amended March 2010

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

<i>Type</i>	Passenger/cargo liner
<i>P&O Group service</i>	Nil
<i>P&O Group status</i>	Owned successively by two subsidiary companies prior to their acquisition by P&O
<i>Former name(s)</i>	
<i>Registered owners,* managers* and operators*</i>	New Zealand Shipping Company Ltd
<i>Builders</i>	John Elder & Co
<i>Yard</i>	Glasgow
<i>Country</i>	UK
<i>Yard number</i>	280
<i>Registry*</i>	Lyttelton, New Zealand
<i>Official number</i>	75067
<i>Signal letters</i>	VSMF
<i>Classification society</i>	Lloyd's Register
<i>Gross tonnage</i>	4,163 grt
<i>Net tonnage</i>	2,657 nrt
<i>Deadweight</i>	
<i>Length</i>	118.52m (389.0ft)
<i>Breadth</i>	14.02m (46.0ft)
<i>Depth</i>	7.22m (23.7ft)
<i>Draught</i>	
<i>Engines</i>	Compound inverted steam engines
<i>Engine builders</i>	John Elder & Co
<i>Works</i>	Glasgow
<i>Country</i>	UK
<i>Power</i>	4,000 ihp
<i>Propulsion</i>	Single screw
<i>Speed</i>	13.5 knots
<i>Passenger capacity</i>	64 first class, 36 second class, 250 steerage
<i>Cargo capacity</i>	2,299 cubic metres (81,200 cubic feet) refrigerated
<i>Crew</i>	
<i>Employment*</i>	UK/New Zealand service

Career

- 23.08.1883: Launched by Mrs William Pearce, wife of the Chairman of her builders.
- 17.10.1883: Ran trials.
- 27.12.1883: Registered at Lyttelton as *Tongariro* for New Zealand Shipping Company Ltd at a cost of £140,900. She was New Zealand Shipping Company's first steamship, one of five built for the monthly mail and passenger service, she had a clipper stern and barque rig. Her name, taken from an extinct volcano in North Island, New Zealand means 'carried away on the South Wind'.
- 25.10.1884: Maiden voyage London/Plymouth (sailed 29th)/Cape Town/Port Chalmers/Lyttelton/Wellington/Auckland returning to London via Montevideo/Rio/Tenerife/Plymouth.
- 14.09.1888: Registry transferred to London.
- 05.10.1894: Rammed Franklin Wharf, Hobart without damage.
- 02.06.1895: Put into Spithead with engine problems outward bound for London.
- 09.12.1897: Last voyage on New Zealand service.
- 04.1898: Laid up.
- 08.1898: Chartered to Beaver Line for service between Liverpool and Montreal.
- 23.09.1899: Sold to British India Steam Navigation Company and renamed *Zibenghla*. She carried 20 first class passengers.
- 1899: Transport No.8 during the Boer War.
- 1900: Transport to the Boxer campaign in China.
- 1901: Madras/Negapatam/Rangoon service.
- 1905/1906: Calcutta/Rangoon/Hong Kong/Amoy service.
- 1907: Three pilgrim voyages to Jeddah.
- 28.04.1910: Sold to Bombay shipbreakers for Rs 104,000.
- 06.1910: Demolition began.

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