



Ship Fact Sheet



ADEN (1892)

Base data at 4 February 1892. Last amended November 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1892-1897
P&O Group status	Owned by parent company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	Sir Raylton Dixon & Co
Yard	Middlesbrough
Country	UK
Yard number	340
Registry	Middlesbrough, UK
Official number	98775
Signal letters	MLDV
Call sign	
Classification Society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	3,925 grt
Net tonnage	2,517 nrt
Deadweight	5,302 tons
Length	111.52m (366.0ft)
Breadth	14.05m (46.1ft)
Depth	8.41m (27.6ft)
Draught	7.567m (24ft 10in)
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engine
Engine builders	Thomas Richardson & Sons
Works	Hartlepool
Country	UK
Power	3,000 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	12 knots
Passenger capacity	36 first class; her 'tweendecks' could (in theory) be used for troops or emigrants
Cargo capacity	7,162 cubic metres (252,970 cubic feet)
Crew	83
Employment	'Intermediate' UK/India and Far East services

Career

- Ordered as a replacement for *Hong Kong*, wrecked on a reef in the Red Sea in 1890, but was somewhat larger.
- 05.10.1891: Launched. Sustained damage during launching, and delivered late.
- 22.01.1892: Trials.
- 30.01.1892: Registered.
- 02.1892: Delivered as *Aden* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company as a cost of £66,744. Aden is a port, bunkering station and (until 1967) British protectorate in south-western Arabia, near the mouth of the Red Sea.
- 1892: Maiden voyage London/Hong Kong and Shanghai.
- 1894: Slightly damaged in collision with P&O's *Malacca* in Barking Reach.
- 08.04.1897: Left Yokohama for London via Shanghai, Hong Kong and Straits ports with a cargo of tea, silk and tin.
- 09.06.1897: Laying off the eastern end of the island of Socotra in order to work her deck cargo of coal down in the bunkers when she drifted and struck rocks 1.6 km (1 mile) south-east of Ras Radressa. Her engine room flooded and power was cut off. Three lifeboats were smashed by the heavy seas and three that were launched were soon swamped. A total of 78 lives were lost (25 passengers, 20 European crew and 33 Asian crew) but the 46 survivors (9 passengers, 3 European crew and 34 Asian crew) were eventually rescued by the Indian Marine steamer *Mayo* after spending 18 days on the wreck. P&O's *Rohilla* and *Hydaspes* were also involved in the search, and had at least two other ships which reported sighting the wreck investigated whether there were survivors, help might have come sooner.
- 28.06.1897: Survivors reached Aden.
- 03.07.1897: Survivors left Aden aboard P&O's *India*.

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