



# Ship Fact Sheet



## DELHI (1905)

Base data at 29 November 1905. Last amended November 2008

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

Type	Passenger liner
P&O Group service	1905-1911
P&O Group status	Owned by parent company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	Caird & Co Ltd
Yard	Greenock
Country	UK
Yard number	307
Registry	Greenock, UK
Official number	117398
Signal letters	HDWV
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	8,090 grt
Net tonnage	4,784 nrt
Deadweight	8,057 tons
Length	143.21m (470.0ft)
Breadth	17.12m (56.2ft)
Depth	9.75m (32.0ft)
Draught	8.417m (27ft 7½in)
Engines	2 quadruple-expansion steam engines
Engine builders	Caird & Co Ltd
Works	Greenock
Country	UK
Power	8,000 ihp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	15.5 knots
Passenger capacity	160 first class, 80 second class
Cargo capacity	9,610 cubic metres (339,451 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment	UK/India and China mail service

**Career**

- 14.10.1905: Launched.
- 23.11.1905: Registered.
- 29.11.1905: Delivered as *Delhi* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at a cost of £159,438.
- 1906: Survived unscathed a Hong Kong typhoon.
- 1906: Beat by five days the vaunted Canadian Pacific 'Westabout' route for mails from Hong Kong.
- 1907: Carried the Duke and Duchess of Connaught from Colombo to Hong Kong.
- 13.12.1911: Ran ashore at 0230hrs in very bad weather 3.2 km (2 miles) south of Cape Spartel, Morocco, whilst on a voyage from London to Bombay with passengers and general cargo. The passengers included HRH The Princess Royal, her husband the Duke of Fife and their daughters, who were making a visit to Egypt. All aboard, the luggage, the specie and mails were rescued with the assistance of Royal Navy and French Navy units, but three French seamen from the cruiser *Friant*, the first ship to answer *Delhi's* radio distress call, were drowned when their launch capsized.
- 03.1912: Wreck abandoned when she broke her back.

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