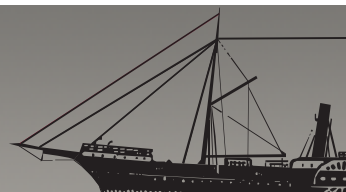




Ship Fact Sheet



DEVONIA (1939)

Base data at 17 October 1962. Last amended November 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Educational cruise ship
P&O Group service	1962-1967
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	Devonshire
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Fairfield Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd
Yard	Govan
Country	UK
Yard number	670
Registry	London, UK
Official number	166272
Call sign	GTTV
IMO/LR number	508937
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	12,796 grt
Net tonnage	7,166 nrt
Deadweight	3,497 tons
Length	157.46m (516.8ft) loa; 151.43m (497.0ft) b/p
Breadth	19.29m (63.3ft)
Depth	9.41m (30.9ft)
Draught	7.490m (24.6ft)
Engines	2 x 8-cylinder 2 SCSA Sulzer diesel engines
Engine builders	Sulzer Brothers
Works	Winterthur
Country	Germany
Power	6,300 bhp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	14.2 knots (service); 14.15 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity	194 cabin passengers, 834 children in dormitories
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	Educational cruising

Career

- 20.12.1938: Launched.
- 07.1939: Completed as *Devonshire* for Bibby Line Ltd, Liverpool, as a troopship carrying 250 passengers and 1,150 troops; 11,275 grt, 6,758 nrt.
- 11.08.1939: Left Southampton and did not return to the UK for 4½ years. Her duties - under RAF management though she mostly carried soldiers - took her to Marseilles, Dakar, Durban, Basrah, Bombay, Singapore, Fremantle, Tripoli and Naples.
- 1942: Equipped with landing craft as a Landing Ship Infantry (L). Carried assault craft to the Salerno and D-Day landings. She then served in the Malayan campaign and post-war to Korea.
- 04.1953: Refitted by her builders. Permanent berths and cafeteria catering being introduced. Now 320 passengers and 825 troops; 12,773 grt, 8,508 nrt.
- 25.01.1954: Returned to trooping to the Far East from Liverpool (until 1957) and Southampton.
- 1961: Ministry of Transport charter ended.
- 17.01.1962: Bought by the British India Steam Navigation Company for £175,000.
- 1962: Converted for educational cruising by Barclay Curle & Co, Whiteinch, Glasgow. Passenger capacity now 194 cabin passengers and 834 children. Entered service at Easter, joining her near-sister *Dunera* (built in 1937 for BI) which had begun regular educational cruises the previous year. Her cruise career took her to most parts of the Mediterranean and the Baltic.
- 11.09.1964: Upperworks fouled by Swedish ore carrier *Tostero* whilst alongside at Greenock. Major superficial repairs were needed and she was in dry-dock for eight weeks.
- 15.12.1967: Sold to Cantieri Navali 'Santa Maria', Genoa to be broken up. She had completed 110 educational cruises for BI and was replaced in that trade by *Uganda*.
- 01.1968: Demolition began at La Spezia.

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