



Ship Fact Sheet



DUNERA (1937)

Base data at 25 August 1937. Last amended September 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Troopship. Later educational cruise ship
P&O Group service	1937-1967
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd
Yard	Glasgow
Country	UK
Yard number	663
Registry	London, UK
Official number	165552
Call sign	GBBR
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage*	11,161 grt
Net tonnage*	6,634 nrt
Deadweight*	3,819 tons
Length	157.50m (516.9ft) loa; 151.28m (496.5ft) b/p
Breadth	19.26m (63.2ft)
Depth	9.45m (31.0ft)
Draught	7.135m (23ft 5in)
Engines	2 Doxford diesel engines
Engine builders	Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd
Works	Glasgow
Country	UK
Power	11,880 bhp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	16.13 knots
Passenger capacity*	104 first class, 100 second class and 164 third class passengers, and 1,157 troops
Cargo capacity	
Crew	290
Employment	Trooping 1937-1960. Educational cruising 1961-1967

Career

- 10.05.1937: Launched by the Countess of Inchcape.
- 23.08.1937: Ran trials.
- 25.08.1937: Handed over as *Dunera* for British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd. One of a group of ships built in the late 1930's to new Government trooping regulations: the others were her sister *Dilwara*, P&O's *Ettrick*, and Bibby's *Devonshire*, later BI's *Devonia*. Her name was taken from a village in the Gurdaspur district of the Punjab.
- 1939: School cruising during trooping low season.
- 01.1940: Carried first New Zealand troops to Egypt.
- 07.1940: Carried aliens being deported from UK to Australia.
- 09.1942: Took part in the Madagascar operations under Royal Navy control.
- 07.1943: Involved in the Sicily landings.
- 09.1944: Carried the headquarters staff for the US 7th Army for the South of France invasion.
- 1945: Transported occupation forces to Japan.
- 05.1945: Took part in the re-occupation of Rangoon.
- 09.1945: Served as the lead ship at the Malaysia landings. She then trooped India/Malaya.
- 1946: Trooped Bombay/Japan.
- 1950/1951: Refitted by Barclay, Curle at a cost of nearly £1,000,000 to bring her up to post-war troopship requirements. Capacity now 123 first class, 95 second class, 100 third class and 831 troops. Her tonnages now 12,615 grt, 7,563 nrt, 3,675 tons deadweight.
- 1960: Trooping charter terminated by Ministry of Defence.
- 13.02.1961: Refitted at a cost of £100,000 by Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd at Hebburn-on-Tyne to alter her for a new role as an educational cruise ship. Classrooms, a swimming pool, games rooms, a library and assembly rooms were all built. Capacity now 187 cabin passengers and 834 children; tonnages 12,620 grt, 7,430 nrt.
- 12.04.1961: First cruise from Greenock with 732 students.
- 11.11.1967: Sold to Revalorizacion de Materiales SA, to be broken up at Bilbao.
- 20.11.1967: Demolition commenced.

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