



Ship Fact Sheet



KENYA (1951)

Base data at 12 July 1951. Compiled November 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger liner
P&O Group service	1951-1969
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	Whiteinch, Glasgow
Country	UK
Yard number	719
Registry	London, UK
Official number	184468
Call sign	GFSS
IMO/LR number	5185386
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	14,437 grt
Net tonnage	8,042 nrt
Deadweight	9,720 tons
Length	164.53m (539.8ft) loa; 157.49m (516.7ft) b/p
Breadth	21.76m (71.4ft)
Depth	11.73m (38.5ft)
Draught	8.382m (27.5ft)
Engines	2 x Parsons single-reduction geared turbines
Engine builders	Wallsend Slipway & Engineering Co Ltd
Works	Wallsend
Country	UK
Power	11,200 bhp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	16 knots (service); 19.16 knots (mean trials)
Passenger capacity*	150 first class, 123 tourist class
Cargo capacity	11,348 cubic metres (400,750 cubic feet) including 707 cubic metres (25,000 cubic feet) refrigerated
Crew	
Employment	UK/East and South Africa passenger service

Career

- 28.11.1950: Launched by Lady Currie.
- 12.07.1951: Delivered as *Kenya* for the British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd. She and her sister *Uganda* were specifically designed and built for the UK/East and South Africa passenger trade.
- 25.08.1951: Maiden voyage from London/Gibraltar/Naples/Port Said/Aden/Mombasa/Tanga/Zanzibar/Dar-es-Salaam/Beira/Durban.
- 16.09.1951: Upon her arrival at Mombasa, every berth was occupied by a British India ship, eight vessels totalling 56,807 grt, an occasion dubbed 'BI Sunday'.
- 11.05.1952: Suffered a fire in No.5 hold inward bound to the UK and had to put into Plymouth.
- 07.1953: Represented the Company at the Spithead Coronation Review.
- 10.1953: Entertained HRH Princess Margaret to dinner on board on the occasion of the opening of new deep water berths at Dar-es-Salaam.
- 1955: Her black hull was repainted white.
- 1958: Broke her moorings in a gale at Biera, narrowly missed lighters before control was regained.
- 03.1967: Passenger accommodation now 309 one-class berths.
- 1967: With the closing of the Suez Canal, she was forced to make the long journey around the Cape, often with a call at Spanish or Portuguese ports as well as South African ports.
- 07.06.1969: The service was no longer viable and her final voyage reached London.
- 02.07.1969: Sold to SA Canteiri di Portovenere to be broken up at Spezia.

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