



Ship Fact Sheet



ROSETTA (1880)

Base data at 29 August 1880. Last amended November 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger liner
P&O Group service	1880-1900
P&O Group status	Owned by parent company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	Harland & Wolff
Yard	Belfast
Country	UK
Yard number	134
Registry	Belfast, UK
Official number	81959
Signal letters	TLPK
Classification society	
Gross tonnage	3,411 grt
Net tonnage	2,039 nrt
Deadweight	3,257 tons
Length	119.07m (390.8ft)
Breadth	12.25m (40.2ft)
Depth	8.17m (26.8ft)
Draught	7.160m (23ft 6in)
Construction (if not steel)	Iron
Engines	Compound inverted direct-acting steam engines
Engine builders	J Howden & Co
Works	Glasgow
Country	UK
Power	2,890 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	13.5 knots
Passenger capacity	104 first class, 32 second class
Cargo capacity	4,537 cubic metres (160,250 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment	UK/India and Far Eastern services

Career

- 27.05.1880: Launched.
- 01.08.1880: Registered.
- 29.08.1880: Delivered as *Rosetta* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. The first P&O ship built in Ireland.
- 08.09.1880: Maiden sailing Southampton/Australia, then briefly Sydney/Bombay.
- 1881/1889: London/Australia service. Later Far East service.
- 1885: Taken up at Hong Kong for use as an armed merchant cruiser during a period of diplomatic tension with Russia. (*Massilia* was similarly taken up at Sydney). Fitted with two 64-pounder, two 40-pounder and one 20-pounder gun, but it was widely believed that her decks would have been unable to withstand the shock of them firing. Returned to P&O service without seeing any action.
- 20.11.1898: En route Nagasaki to Kobe when collided with 'schooner junk' *Sunya Maru* which was not carrying lights. All her crew were picked up but the Japanese ship broke up when a tow was attempted.
- 10.1900: Sold for £10,789 to Asano Soichiro, Japan. Resold to Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha, Japan and renamed *Rosetta Maru*.
- 1901: Sold to Toyo Kisen Kabushiki Kaisha, Japan.
- 1905: Sold to Ojira Kisen Kabushiki Kaisha, Japan.
- 07.1907: Sold to Japanese shipbreakers.

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