



Ship Fact Sheet



TAGUS (1837)

Base data at 14 September 1837. Last amended November 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1837-1864
P&O Group status	Owned by co-founders of parent company
Former name(s)	Launched as <i>Britannia</i>
Registered owners*	Richard Bourne and others
Managers*	Willcox & Anderson
Operators*	Peninsular Steam Navigation Company
Builders	John Scott & Sons
Yard	Greenock
Country	UK
Yard number	
Registry	London, UK
Official number	13970
Signal letters	LKFH
Classification society	
Gross tonnage*	909 grt
Net tonnage	463 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	55.45m (182.0ft)
Breadth	7.92m (26.0ft)
Depth	5.18m (17.0ft)
Draught	4.47m (14.7ft)
Construction (if not steel)	Wood
Engines	Two-cylinder side-lever steam engines
Engine builders	Scott, Sinclair & Co
Works	Greenock
Country	UK
Power	286 ihp
Propulsion	Paddles
Speed	9.5 knots
Passenger capacity	86
Cargo capacity	305 tonnes (300 tons)
Crew*	36
Employment	UK/Spain and Portugal and UK/Levant services

Career

- 1837: Launched as *Tagus* having been laid down as *Britannia*.
 08.1837: Registered as *Tagus* for Richard Bourne and partners, Dublin at a cost of £28,000.
- 14.09.1837: Sailed on her maiden voyage.
 06.1838: Re-registered in London.
 04.1842: One of the first Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company ships to use the new outer dock at Southampton.
- 07.10.1842: Ownership transferred to The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
 07.1842: Replaced *Oriental* for one sailing on the Alexandria service.
 21.01.1843: Inaugurated Southampton/Constantinople sailings. She made a second trip in May calling at Gibraltar, Malta, Athens, Smyrna, Mytilene, the Dardanelles, Samsoun, Sinope and Trebizond.
- 09.1843: Chartered for a fortnight's trooping Cork/Plymouth/Glasgow/Belfast.
 1844: She and *Braganza* opened a monthly service to the Levant. Later carried the author William Thackeray on the Gibraltar/Malta/Constantinople leg of his Mediterranean 'cruise' described in his book 'Notes of a Journey from Cornhill to Grand Cairo'.
- 1847: Chartered to the Turkish Government for trooping between Constantinople and Salonika and later between Constantinople and Trebizond.
- 1848: Returned home after being rammed by a Turkish frigate.
 07.02.1852: Crew 41.
 1857: Gross tonnage re-stated as 782 grt.
 1862: Chartered to T Hill of Southampton to continue on the Peninsular route and after P&O relinquished its mail contract.
- 1863: Laid up.
 20.04.1864: Sold to Swan, Thompson and Moore for demolition.

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