

# Ocean Joss

## Ships in Focus

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### “Kuala Lumpur”



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Built as the “**Dilwara**” for the British India Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., by Barclay Curle and Co. Ltd., Glasgow, in 1936, she began her service as a Troop Ship, which extended during the years of WW2. At the conclusion of the war, she was converted to an Education Ship, running short cruises with students. In 1960 she was purchased by the China Navigation Co. Ltd., Hong Kong and after conversion at Taikoo Dockyard in Hong Kong, entered service as a cruise ship and later as a Pilgrim Ship carrying Moslem Pilgrims between Singapore, and Malaysia to Jeddah. During the mid to late 1960s she also became a very popular cruise ship operating from Australian, New Zealand, and Asian Ports.

When cruising she carried 198 First Class passengers and during Pilgrim voyages 242 First Class and 1669 3<sup>rd</sup> Class passengers. In 1971 she was sold by CNCo and sent to Koahsiung for demolition in 1972.

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