



SS Northern Star was an ocean liner built in 1962 for the United Kingdom-based Shaw, Savill & Albion Line's tourist class round the world service via South Africa and Australia. She was essentially an enlarged version of the SS Southern Cross, built 4 years earlier. Northern Star sailed out via the Cape and home via Panama, while her fleet mate sailed out via Panama and home via the Cape. From the early 1970s she spent most of her time cruising, but was continually beset with mechanical problems due to inadequate maintenance. With the great increase in oil prices in 1973/4 she became uneconomic and would have required an expensive and time-consuming refit to make up for the deferred maintenance and so was withdrawn from service at the end of her 1975 summer cruise programme. In spite of being only 12 years old her poor mechanical condition made her unattractive to other operators and she was sold for scrapping. On December 11, 1975 she arrived at Kaohsiung to be broken up by Li Chong Steel and Iron Works.

Name: *Northern Star*
Owner: [Shaw, Savill & Albion Line](#)
Port of registry: Southampton, [UK](#)
Route: Southampton-Las Palmas-Cape Town-Durban-Fremantle-Melbourne-Sydney-Wellington-Auckland-Raratonga-Tahiti-Acapulco-Panama-Curacao-Trinidad-Barbados-Lisbon-Southampton
Builder: [Vickers-Armstrongs](#), Walker, [Newcastle-on-Tyne](#), England
Yard number: 175
Launched: June 27th 1961
Completed: June 26th 1962
In service: July 10th 1962
Out of service: 1975
Fate: Scrapped

General characteristics

Type: [Ocean liner](#)
Tonnage: 24,731 [GRT](#) (1968, 23,983 GRT)
Length: 650 ft (200 m)
Beam: 83 ft (25 m)
Installed power: 22,000shp
Propulsion: Geared turbines, twin screw
Speed: 22 knots (41 km/h; 25 mph)
Capacity: 1,437 tourist class

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Onderwerp: Northern Star in de West Indies 1964