

SA647722

White Star Line Lusitania Sister Ship To Mauretania C1910 Marine Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA647722****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 41 cm (16.1")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Oil on canvas of the White Star Line Lusitania , RMS Lusitania was a British ocean liner and briefly the world's largest passenger ship. The ship was sunk on 7 May 1915 by a German U-boat 11 mi (18 km) off the southern coast of Ireland. The sinking presaged the United States declaration of war on Germany (1917). - The ship was technically unarmed and was carrying thousands of civilian passengers, and so the British government accused the Germans of breaching the Cruiser Rules. The sinking caused a storm of protest in the United States because 128 American citizens were among the dead. The sinking helped shift public opinion in the United States against Germany and was one of the factors in the United States' declaration of war nearly two years later. After the First World War, successive British governments maintained that there were no munitions on board Lusitania, and the Germans were not justified in treating the ship as a naval vessel. - Lusitania was a holder of the Blue Riband appellation for the fastest Atlantic crossing, and was briefly the world's largest passenger ship until the completion of her sister ship Mauretania, three months later. The Cunard Line launch...

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