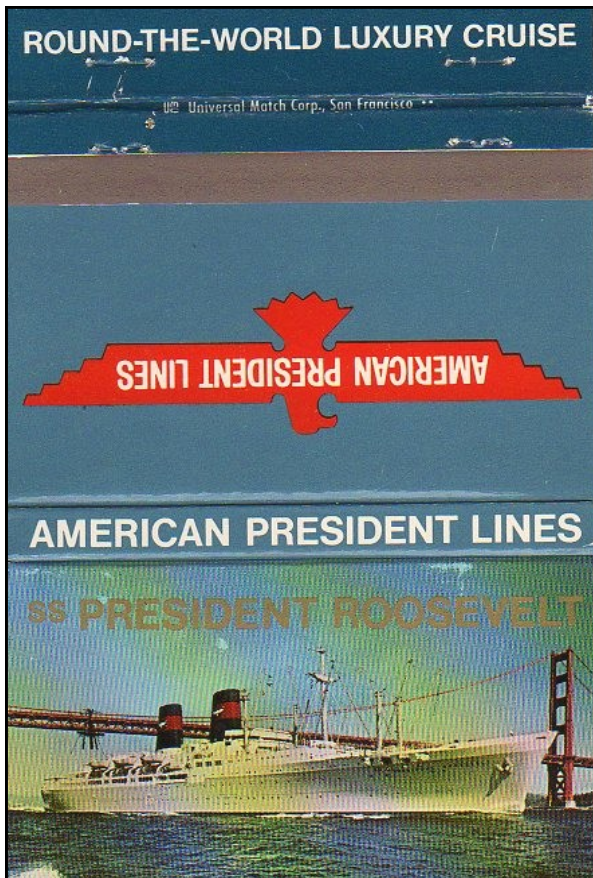


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# Great Ships of The U. S. Navy

## *S.S. President Roosevelt*

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There were actually two ships, here. The original was completed in January, 1922, built for the United States government and christened *Peninsula State*. It was built by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, NJ. It was 535 ft.x72 ft., and its gross tonnage was 13,869 tons. It was powered by four steam turbines, single-reduction geared,, and twin screws. Normal speed registered at 18 knots. It had 320 cabins and 324 third class. It made its maiden voyage on February 18, 1922, going from New York to Plymouth to Cherbourg and on to Bremen.

It was transferred to the United States Lines in 1922 and renamed *President Pierce* in May, 1922; a few months later it was renamed again, this time as the *President Roosevelt*. A cargo-passenger ship, she plied the Atlantic lanes for the next 19 years. In 1941, she was requisitioned as a World War II troop carrier and renamed *Joseph T. Dickman*, serving out her tour of duty for the remainder of the year ferrying troops to Europe. She survived the war; not all did. By the end of the war, the last of her days were nearing. She was sold for scrap in 1948.

In 1962, a new *President Roosevelt* hit the seas [shown here], this time as part of the great ocean-going fleet of the American President Lines.