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TOUR DETAILS

SOUTHAMPTON WILL FOREVER BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LINER RMS TITANIC AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MEMORIALS IN THE CITY DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO PERISHED WHEN THE SHIP SANK IN 1912. THIS TOUR VISITS SOME OF THESE MEMORIALS AND INCLUDES OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST EN-ROUTE. THE WALK WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR 15 MINUTES IN ACTUAL WALKING TIME AND STARTS FROM THE CIVIC CENTRE.

1. TITANIC POSTAL WORKERS' MEMORIAL

This memorial commemorates the two British Sea Post officers and their three American colleagues, all of whom died when the ship was lost. The plaque is made from a spare propeller donated by Harland & Wolff. Originally located in Southampton's main Post Office, this memorial was relocated to first floor of the south block of the Civic Centre, to the right of the Council Chamber doors.



The Titanic Book of Remembrance, commemorating Southampton victims of the Titanic, can also be seen at this location. This book, displayed on a marble plinth, was donated by the City of Southampton Society.

The building is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (but closed public holidays).

2. TITANIC MUSICIANS' MEMORIAL

This is a replica of the original memorial near this site, destroyed during the Second World War. It depicts a grieving woman and Titanic sinking, with a musical inscription of the first few bars of 'Nearer, my God to thee'. The names of all the musicians on the ship, including the band leader Wallace Hartley, are all engraved on the memorial.



The memorial can be found in Cumberland Place, near to the corner of London Road.

3. ENGINEER OFFICERS' MEMORIAL

Unveiled in 1914, constructed of Aberdeen granite and surmounted by a seven foot high angel, the memorial commemorates the engineer officers on the Titanic all of whom died. Amongst those named are Thomas Andrews, chief designer at Harland & Wolff (the builders of the ship) and Archibald Frost and Robert Knight (both members of a guarantee group assigned to travel on Titanic's maiden voyage).

Located in East Park, Southampton, fronting the main road, almost opposite the Cenotaph (Above Bar Street).



4 TITANIC CREW MEMORIAL

Unveiled in 1915, this memorial (originally a drinking fountain) was made from Portland Stone by local stonemasons Garret & Haysom. It was paid for by subscriptions of friends and family of the crew and commemorates stewards, sailors and firemen who died in the disaster.

Originally located on Southampton Common this memorial was moved to its current location at Holy Rood Church, on the east side of the High Street. It is located just inside the door of the church, on the right.

The church gate is locked at dusk, but you can see the memorial from a ground floor opening, just to the right of the gate.



5. FORMER SAILORS' HOME

This building opened as a sailors' home in 1909 to provide temporary accommodation for seamen whilst they were in port. Several of the Titanic crew stayed here prior to sailing and the majority of these perished.

Located in Oxford Street, now a Salvation Army centre.



6. THE GRAPES PUBLIC HOUSE

This pub, which dates back to the 1850s, was a favourite for seafarers, and some members of Titanic's crew (including the three Slade brothers) famously stayed here too long on the morning of departure. They arrived at the docks just as the ship was about to depart and were refused entry to the Titanic.

The pub can be found in Oxford Street.



7. TERMINUS RAILWAY STATION

In 1912, this was the railway station nearest to the docks. The main station building (designed for the London and Southampton Railway by Sir William Tite and built 1839/40) is now a casino. At the back of the building is a covered area, where the platforms of the station used to be.

Located in Terminus Terrace, opposite the entrance to Oxford Street.

8. SOUTH WESTERN HOUSE

In 1912 this building was the first class hotel where some of Titanic's wealthier passengers spent their last night before the voyage. These included Thomas Andrews and J Bruce Ismay (President of the White Star Line).

Now converted into flats, the building can be seen on the corner of Canute Road and Terminus Terrace.



9. CANUTE CHAMBERS

In 1912 this building was the Southampton headquarters of the White Star Line. A memorial plaque marks the spot where anxious relatives came to await news of their loved-ones after Titanic was lost. When the names of survivors were telegraphed to the offices, they were posted up on boards fixed to the railings.

Located on the south side of Canute Road.

There is no public access to the inside of Canute Chambers.



10. OCEAN DOCK AND DOCK GATE 4 MEMORIAL

Titanic departed from Ocean Dock (then called White Star Dock) on 10th April 1912. A small plaque, located just inside the security gate for Dock Gate 4, commemorates those who died in the disaster.



11. FORMER DOCK'S BRANCH POST OFFICE

Built at the turn of the 20th century, this building (now converted into flats) housed the Docks' Post Office and Telegraph Office. It was here that Titanic's mail was sorted before being loaded on to the ship.

Located on the south side of Platform Road. There is no access to the building.

12. SEACITY MUSEUM

SeaCity Museum tells the story of the people of Southampton, their fascinating lives and the city's historic connection with the sea. Visit us to discover how we bring maritime history to life through an interactive experience designed of all ages.

SOUTHAMPTON'S TITANIC STORY

As the port from which the 1912 white star liner Titanic set sail, Southampton is at the very heart of the Titanic story. Many lives and families were affected by the tragedy. This exhibition tells their story. Explore the 1:25 scale interactive model of the ship, experience the 'Disaster Room', and immerse yourself in the 1930s court room which depicts the Inquiry held in London after the disaster.

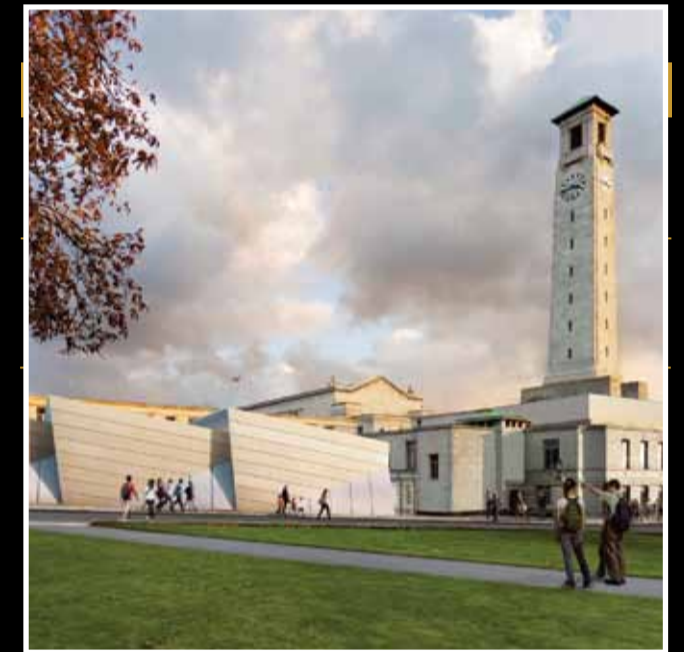
SOUTHAMPTON – GATEWAY TO THE WORLD

Using the city's unique historic collections, this gallery recounts the stories of people who have departed from or arrived in the port of Southampton over the last 250,000 years, from the earliest settlers to the stories of people living in the city today.

SPECIAL EXHIBITION – TITANIC THE LEGEND

Marking the hundred year commemoration of the disaster, 2012 sees the SeaCity Special Exhibition Area host a completely original Titanic exhibition – 'Titanic the Legend'.

The Titanic story is presented through a variety of perspectives and considers why the legend endures and the effect it has had on ship design, safety and technological research. The exhibition also explores the notion of a 'Titanic industry.' This special exhibition space will host other temporary exhibitions in future years. 'Titanic the Legend' will be in place until 2013.



13. GATTI MEMORIAL

An oak table, which has a plaque in memory of the restaurant workers who lost their lives (including 'Luigi' Gatti, who was responsible for the restaurants on board the ship)

The memorial can be found inside St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street. Please note that the church may not be open at all times (tel. 023 8033 3589).



St Mary's Church (marked on the trail map) contains a memorial to the musicians of the Titanic: contact the parish for details on 023 8033 0851 or www.sotoncitycentreparish.hampshire.org.uk.

Southampton's Old Cemetery (Southampton Common, off Hill Lane, Southampton, SO15 7NN) has a number of memorials and graves associated with Titanic victims and survivors. Contact the Friends of Southampton Old Cemetery on 023 8034 9414 (<http://www.fosoc.org/>) for more information.