

## The Southampton Titanic Trail

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**Please note that the Maritime Museum in Southampton is closed on Mondays. From Tuesday to Friday it is open from 10am to 4pm. On Saturdays the opening times are 10am to 1pm, closed 1pm to 2pm, then open 2pm to 4pm. Timings below are related to the opening hours Tuesday to Saturday and a variation of timings is given for Sundays. The Post Office in the High Street is closed on Sundays.**

**The Trail takes you around some of the memorials and to locations associated with Titanic.**

10.00am – 10.15am Start at the **Musicians Memorial** (corner of London Road and Cumberland Place). This is a replacement for the original memorial destroyed during the Second World War. It features a musical inscription (the opening bars of the hymn, 'Nearer My God To Thee'). Carvings show a grieving woman and an iceberg and the inscription has the names of the musicians on the Titanic all of whom, including bandleader Wallace Hartley, died.

With the Musicians' Memorial to your left, walk on for a short distance and cross London Road at the traffic lights, then turn right and cross Brunswick Place using the light controlled pedestrian crossing. Walk straight ahead.

10.20am – 10.40am On your left is East Park and fronting the main road, almost opposite the Cenotaph (Above Bar Street) is the **Titanic Engineer Officers Memorial**. This features a magnificent angel with carvings representative of Engineer Officers on the ship, all of whom died. The names include Thomas Andrews, designer of the ship, Archibald Frost and Robert Knight all from Harland and Wolff, the builders of the Titanic.

Go into the Park behind the Memorial and make your way towards the statue that can be seen. At this point there is a long pathway going down through the Central Parks. This crosses two roads, the first having a pedestrian crossing and the second containing First Bus stops. Having crossed the second road, a tall blue and gold column will be seen. Walk down to this then bear right up the inclined pavement, crossing Vincents Walk. At the top of the incline is the pedestrian shopping precinct. Cross over to the large stone gate, The Bargate, and on the other side of the gate is the High Street. Keep on the left hand side of the High Street, cross over East Street and continue on down the road. After a short distance on the left hand side is the High Street Post Office.

1100am – 11.15am Inside the Post Office (closed on Sunday) is the **Titanic Postal Workers Memorial**. Go down to the far end to see this memorial to the British and American Sea Post Officers none of whom survived the sinking of the *Titanic*. The plaque is made from a spare propeller donated by Harland and Wolff.

Come out of the Post Office and turn left. Walk on down the High Street, passing the Star Hotel and the Dolphin Hotel and you will find, on the left a ruined church.

11.30am – 11.50am This is **Holy Rood Church**. There is a Memorial to the crew, stewards and firemen just inside the door of the church, on the right. The *Titanic* is shown under way and the memorial was originally a drinking fountain. By the memorial is a 'talking post' where, by pressing buttons, you can hear different aspects of the story of *Titanic* as it affected Southampton.

Come out of the church and cross straight over High Street using the pedestrian crossing in front of you. On the other side of the road, turn left, cross the end of St Michael's Street and continue on down High Street to the second set of traffic lights. You are now at the Town Quay. Turn right and walk along with the Red Funnel Terminal now to your left. Cross the end of French Street and in front of you is an old stone building with a red roof.

12noon – 1pm (Sunday 1pm – 2pm – museum opens at 1pm on Sundays). This is the **Maritime Museum**, (Town Quay Road). The museum closes for lunch for one hour at 1pm on Saturdays. The *Titanic* Exhibition is on the first floor of the Museum and is accessible only by a flight of stairs. The exhibition includes a memorial plaque to members of the crew of *Titanic* that was formerly in a local church.

#### 1pm- 2pm **Lunch**

(Sunday 12 noon – 1pm)

Places to eat, close by, are in Bugle Street (as you face the front of the Maritime Museum, Bugle Street is to your left and if you go up that road, there are some public houses), on Town Quay Road (that you passed coming to the Maritime Museum from the end of High Street), and on Town Quay (cross the road by the light controlled crossing in front of the Maritime Museum, then bear left, keep on the pavement until you reach the traffic lights opposite the end of the High Street then bear right on to Town Quay).

Return to the lower end of the High Street and go back up the High Street, on the right hand side, passing the entrance to Winkle Street and the entrance to Gloucester Square Car Park. The next road on your right is Briton Street. Cross over the road so that you are on the far pavement of Briton Street, then bear right. The pavement leads you to Queensway. Cross straight over Queensway and continue straight ahead. After a short distance, you will see a Park to your right. Keep on the pavement with the Park to your right and you will come to Latimer Street, on your left. Turn left in to Latimer Street and you will come to Oxford Street.

1.30pm – 2.00pm (2.30 – 3pm Sunday)

The large building on the corner of Latimer Street and Oxford Street is the: **Former Sailors Home, now a Salvation Army Hostel** (Oxford Street)

This was the address given by 26 members of the crew of the Titanic when they 'signed on' the ship.

At the far end of Oxford Street will be seen Stanley's Casino. Walk towards that end of the road from the Sailors Home and, on the right, after crossing Latimer Street, will be found

**The Grapes Public House** (Oxford Street)

Four members of the Titanic's crew, including three brothers named Slade, stayed here too long on the morning of the ship's departure. They arrived at the quayside as the ship was about to leave and were refused entry. Inside The Grapes there can be seen memorabilia relating to the loss of the Titanic.

Walk on down Oxford Street towards Stanley's Casino and cross the road towards it, using the light controlled pedestrian crossing.

2.15pm – 2.30pm (3.15pm – 3.30pm Sunday)

The building now in front of you is the

**Former Docks Railway Station**, now Stanley's Casino on Terminus Terrace.

It is next to South Western House and at the back of the casino is a roofed in covered area where the railway platforms used to be. In 1912, South Western House was the First Class 'South Western Hotel' where passengers, including some millionaires who sailed on the Titanic, and J Bruce Ismay of the White Star Line, stayed the night before Titanic left Southampton on its Maiden Voyage. The building will also be viewed from a different angle at the end of tour.

Continue along Terminus Terrace, following the line of South Western House and, staying on the same pavement, bear left in to Canute Road.

2.45pm – 3pm (3.45pm – 4pm Sunday)

Walk along here, crossing the railway line and the entrance, on the left, to Student Halls of Residence then look across Canute Road to see the **London and South Western Railway (LSWR) Company Building**, Canute Road. This large yellow brick building was, in 1912, the offices of the LSWR. Just a little further along Canute Road on the same side as the LSWR building will be see **Canute Chambers**. That building was the head quarters of The White Star Line in 1912. It was here that the people of Southampton came when they heard that Titanic had foundered and waited anxiously for the survivors' names. When the names were received, they were posted up on large black boards erected outside the front of Canute Chambers, between the building and the pavement wall.

3.15pm – 3.30pm (4.15pm – 4.30pm Sunday)

Continue along Canute Road to the traffic lights where there is a pedestrian crossing straight across Royal Crescent Road. Cross the road there then immediately cross again to the right, towards Ocean Village, using the light

controlled pedestrian crossing. Carefully crossing the road entrance to Ocean Village, walk back along that side of Canute Road, to Canute Chambers. On the gate pillar at **Canute Chambers** there is a memorial plaque. Continue on along Canute Road, past the LSWR building to the railway line into the Docks

**Railway line.** The trains operated by the London and South Western Railway Company, bringing the passengers from London for the *Titanic* on 10 April 1912, crossed the road here and went on to stop very close to the ship.

Continue on along the pavement looking up to the right, just after the railway line, to see the head of Queen Victoria on the upper part of South Western House and symbols of industry in her reign. Continue on along Canute Road, with South Western House to the right and on the left will be seen Union Castle House - the former headquarters of Union Castle Line - with, away to the right, Royal Mail House both reminders of the great shipping lines that used the Port of Southampton in the past.

Continue straight ahead, past Union Castle House.

3.45pm (4.45pm Sunday)

You will come to a road that, to the left leads to **Dock Gate 4**. This is a very busy road and great care must be taken here. Just before the road, stop on the grass area and look back across to South Western House. Ignore the taller white section to the left of the main building as that did not exist in 1912 but the rest of South Western House is very much as it would have appeared to those about to enter the Docks to board the *Titanic*.

As you look towards the entry barrier into the Docks at Dock Gate 4, the large building, to the right, is the former Docks Post Office where mail for the *Titanic* was sorted. There is a *Titanic* Memorial just inside Dock Gate 4 but permission to see it has to be requested at the security check point (access being entirely at the discretion of Associated British Ports - ABP). *Titanic's* berth is further in to the Docks and can only be seen by prior arrangement being made with ABP which, again, is entirely in their discretion. The telephone number for ABP is 023 8033 0022.

There are bus stops outside Dock Gate 4 at which you can catch a bus back to the city centre. Alternatively, keeping on the same side of the road as the bus stops, walk away from Dock Gate 4 with the large Park to your right, pass Red Funnel's Triangle Car Park, to the left, and continue on to Town Quay where there is a pedestrian crossing to the High Street. From here it is about a fifteen minute walk up to the Bargate or, just outside the Red Funnel Car Ferry office, you can catch the free Uni-Link Link Bus that has stops at WestQuay Shopping Centre, the Mall Marlands Shopping Centre and at the south side of the Central Railway Station.