

Southampton Titanic Trail

Timings below are an approximate indication of walking/viewing time for the Trail. The suggested time is about 3 hours for a very gentle stroll, and includes one hour in the Maritime Museum. A one hour lunch break has been suggested in the Trail.

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

Start at the Tourist Information Centre on Civic Centre Road.

9.45am – 10am: If you are following the trail on a weekday (other than a Bank Holiday Monday or Good Friday) then between 9am and 4.30pm it is possible to see the **Titanic Postal Workers' Memorial** (number 1 on the map). This was relocated to the Civic Centre in April 2009. Go across to the car park in front of the Civic Centre, through the main entrance and up the right hand staircase inside the building. There is also a lift to the first floor – ask at main reception for its location. The Postal Workers' Memorial, commemorating the three American and two British Postal Workers on Titanic, all of whom died when the ship was lost, is on the wall to the right of the door into the Council Chamber.

10am – 10.15am: Come out of the Civic Centre main entrance and bear left into West Marlands Road. Following the line of the Civic Centre, cross the road towards the park in front of you and walk through the park, passing the Southampton Cenotaph on your right. At the lights controlled pedestrian crossing just past the Cenotaph, cross Cumberland Place and bear immediately to the right crossing the end of Bedford Place. In front of Paris Smith at the corner of Cumberland Place and London Road, is the **Titanic Musicians' Memorial** (number 2 on the map). 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, including bandleader Wallace Hartley, all of whom 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 lights controlled pedestrian crossing. Walk straight ahead.

10.15am – 10.30am: On your left is East Park and fronting the main road, almost opposite the Cenotaph (Above Bar Street) is the **Titanic Engineer Officers' Memorial**, (number 3 on the map). 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.

10.30am – 11am: Go into the park behind the Memorial and make your way towards the statue. 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 walk down the High Street, passing the Star Hotel and the Dolphin Hotel and you will find a ruined church.

11am – 11.15am: This is **Holy Rood Church**, (number 4 on the map). There is a Memorial to the crew, stewards and firemen just inside the door of the church, on the right. The Titanic is shown at sea, 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.

11.15am – 11.30am: 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.

11.30am – 12.30pm: This is the **Maritime Museum**, (Town Quay Road – number 5 on the map). 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.

Maritime Museum, Town Quay Opening times and admission prices:

Summer Opening (until September 27th 2009):

Monday – Friday: 10.00am – 6.00pm

Saturday – Sunday: 11.00am – 6.00pm

Winter Opening (from September 28th 2009)

Monday – Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday – Sunday: 11.00am – 4.00pm

**Adult £2.50; Child 7-16 £1.50; Over 60s/ student concessions available
Under 7s free; Family (2 adult + 3 children) £5.50**

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12.30pm – 1.30pm: Lunch

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).

1.30pm – 1.45pm: 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.

1.45pm – 2.00pm: At the far end of Oxford Street a Casino can be seen. Walk towards it and on the right hand side of Oxford Street you will come to **The Grapes Public House** (Oxford Street, number 6 on the map).

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. You could call in for a drink and to see the 'birds eye' plan of Titanic on display.

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

2.00pm – 2.15pm: The building now in front of you is the **Former Docks Railway Station**, now a Casino on Terminus Terrace. It is next to South Western House (number 7 on the map) 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 into Canute Road.

2.15pm – 2.30pm: 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 seen **Canute Chambers**, (number 8 on the map). That building was the headquarters 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.

2.30pm – 2.45pm: 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 lights 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 of these are reminders of the great shipping lines that used the Port of Southampton in the past.

Continue straight ahead, past Union Castle House.

2.45pm: You will come to a road on the left that leads to **Dock Gate 4**, (number 9 on the map). 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 into the Docks and can only be seen by prior arrangement with ABP which, again, is entirely at 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 ten minute walk up to the Bargate or, just outside the Red Funnel Car Ferry office, you can catch the free City Link Bus which stops at WestQuay Shopping Centre, the Mall Marlands Shopping Centre and at the south side of the Central Railway Station.

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