

Fact Sheet



TITANIC: THE ARTIFACT EXHIBITION **ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands**

Introduction

100 years after the *RMS Titanic* set off on its maiden and final voyage, ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands presents *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*. The Exhibition displays over 275 artifacts recovered from its final resting place, 14 of which have not been exhibited to the world. Visitors can revel in re-creations of the Ship's cabins, and catch a glimpse of the lives of the passengers through the artifacts, which includes; perfume vials, china, and jewelry that offer emotional connections to lives abruptly ended or forever altered.

Exhibition Highlights

- Occupies 2,500 square meters of gallery space across 13 exhibition galleries.
- Perfume vials recovered in the year 2000 still emit traces of the fragrance. These artifacts belonged to a second-class passenger Mr. Adolphe Saalfeld, a perfume maker who boarded *Titanic* bound for New York to sell his samples.
- Part of the Exhibition features an exact replica and reconstruction of the Grand Staircase from *Titanic*, measuring 27-feet high.
- Over 28 tons of sand was used in the Discovery Gallery.
- The Iceberg Gallery will feature an interactive "Iceberg Wall", allowing visitors to experience the freezing temperature at the time when *Titanic* sank.
- Luxurious and opulent first-class cabin will also be re-created, complete with details such as furniture, carpet, beds, and bathroom facilities.
- Exclusive to the Exhibition, a unique gallery named "Singapore 1912" showcases how news of the disaster of *Titanic* greatly resonated in Singapore, displaying local newspaper articles that reported the disaster in 1912.
- Visitors can walk through a gallery replicated to look like the Verandah Café, and hear the sounds of passengers relaxing and enjoying a meal during the voyage.
- Visitors will be given a replica boarding pass upon entering the Exhibition, which has the name and information of an actual passenger that was onboard *Titanic*. In the Memorial Gallery, they can match the passenger name on their boarding pass with the names on the Memorial Wall and discover the fate of their passenger.
- Over the past 15 years, more than 25 million people have seen this powerful Exhibition in major museums worldwide.

Facts about RMS Titanic, Inc.

- RMS Titanic, Inc. is the only company permitted by law to recover objects from the wreck of *Titanic*.
- RMS Titanic, Inc. organized a total of eight research and recovery expeditions to *Titanic's* wreck site, with the most recent being in 2010.
- To date, RMS Titanic, Inc. has recovered more than 5,500 objects from the wreck site.

Fast Facts about RMS Titanic

- RMS stands for Royal Mail Steamer.
- *Titanic* was designed by Thomas Andrews, in the light-filled drawing office at Harland & Wolff.
- *Titanic's* construction began on 31 March 1909 and took 26 months to construct the hull. It took approx. 3 million rivets to secure 2000 plates to form the hull.
- On 31 May 1911, *Titanic's* empty hull slid into the River Lagan on 21 tons of tallow, train oil, and soap, without her signature four funnels, boilers and engines.
- From June 1911 until March 1912, more than 3000 carpenters, engineers, electricians, plumbers, painters, master mechanics, interior designers toiled to fit *Titanic* with modern marine technology and the most sumptuous fixtures and furniture.
- *Titanic's* maiden voyage started from Southampton, venturing to Cherbourg, France, and Queenstown, Ireland before heading across the Atlantic bound for New York City.
- *Titanic* was under the command of Captain Edward J. Smith, who had been with the White Star Line since 1886.
- The cost of a first-class ticket on the *Titanic* to New York was US\$2,500, approximately US\$57,200 today. A third-class ticket cost US\$40 then, approximately US\$900 now.
- In first-class, members of the social elite from two continents mingled in splendor with American captains of industry and commerce, noted authors and artists brushed elbows with military officers and British aristocracy
- *Titanic's* second-class passengers were a congenial mix of businessmen, middle-class families en route to a new life, brides to be, and those on holiday.
- *Titanic's* third-class was a polyglot of nationalities immigrating to North America with a desire for a better life
- *Titanic* had its own newspaper, the *Atlantic Daily Bulletin*, which contained the daily menu, latest stock prices, horse-racing results, and society gossip.
- *Titanic* struck the iceberg at 11.40pm on Sunday, April 14, 1912 and sank 2 hours, 40 minutes later at precisely 2.20am the next day.
- The first lifeboat carried 19 passengers aboard the first lifeboat even though its capacity was 65.
- Two-month old Millvina Dean was the youngest passenger on board. She passed away on 31 May 2009 as the oldest survivor of *Titanic* in 2009 at the age of 97.
- *Titanic's* specifications
 - Length: 269 meters
 - Height (keel to funnel): 53.3 meters
 - Gross tonnage: 131,174 cubic meters
 - Top speed: 42.6 to 44.5 km/h
 - Passenger capacity: 2603
 - Crew capacity: 944
 - Lifeboat capacity: 1178