

TITANIC REVISITED: NEW MUSEUM IN TENNESSEE OFFERS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE



It has been almost a hundred years since the unfortunate maiden voyage of the RMS Titanic. The brief life and fate of the ship never fails to fascinate. The most recent addition to the cult is the new Titanic Museum, opened in April 2010 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

On 15th April 1912, the grandest and most luxurious ship of its time, the Titanic, sank on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City. For many of its passengers, the ship was a symbol of a new, happier life over the ocean. Sadly, a series of unfortunate decisions and circumstances resulted in a tragic event, which claimed 1,517 lives.

The significance of this tragedy strikes us even today, nearly a century later. Many books were written, films and documentaries have been made, and several expeditions researched the wreck itself. **This month, another tribute has been introduced to the legendary ocean liner, when Pigeon Forge, a town in Tennessee, opened the grand Titanic Museum.**

The museum wishes to commemorate the 2,223 passengers aboard the Titanic with the entire splendor; the ship structure evokes the Titanic feel and each visitor will receive a boarding pass of an actual Titanic passenger and may follow their fate. The 20 galleries feature an impressive collection of hundreds of personal artifacts, many of which have never been displayed before.

This museum is unlike any other; it features an exact replica of the Titanic's Grand Staircase, visitors will get a unique opportunity to touch the frozen surface of an 'iceberg' and feel the cold of the infamous 'starry night', may test the painfully cold water, and try to grip the ship's wheel while trying to follow the Captain's commands. Children under the age of eight will enjoy the TOT-Titanic Playland, where they will learn how to build the Titanic ship, steer a ship or meet the titanic Polar Bear. **Furthermore, the Titanic enthusiasts may 'dive' to the actual wreck site via special underwater camera footage which was used for one of the most respected documentaries made.**

The Titanic Museum experience is probably as close as one might ever get to re-living the story of the unforgettable ship and will surely attract thousands every year.

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