



2023 CONVENTION SOUTHAMPTON



Queen Mary 2 is the largest ocean liner ever built, and the only transatlantic ocean liner in regular service between Southampton and New York.

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On the 10th of April, 1912, under the command of Captain E.J. Smith, *Titanic* set sail from Southampton on her maiden voyage, carrying 920 passengers, and 908 officers and crew.

On the 12th of January, 2004, under the command of Captain Ronald Warwick, *Queen Mary 2* set sail on her maiden voyage from Southampton, carrying 2,620 passengers, and 1253 officers and crew.



EXCURSION GUIDE

The scheduled times for excursions are included in the Convention Itinerary

S.S. Shieldhall

S.S. *Shieldhall* is a preserved steamship that operates from Southampton and is the largest working steamship in Britain.

She is one of the last reciprocating steam engines built, with a smaller version of the same type of triple-expansion steam engines as *Titanic*. As part of the excursion to this historic ship, you will be able to visit the engine room.

S.S. *Shieldhall* is moored alongside the King George V Graving Dock and is 15 minutes from the hotel by car. We suggest making your own way there, or we can arrange some 7-seater taxis. (not included in ticket price)



Watercress Line

The Watercress Line is a heritage railway that runs from Alton to Alresford, on the line that the second *Titanic* Boat Train travelled from Waterloo, carrying passengers to Southampton. Relive this experience; travel on steam train, the 'Titanic Boat Train Heritage Trust Special', and see the hedges, fields and villages that flew by the passengers as they excitedly discussed their impending voyage on *Titanic*.

A coach has been organised to take delegates to and from the Watercress line. Departure will be from outside the hotel at the time specified in the Convention Itinerary. Please muster there fifteen minutes before.



Titanic Walking Trail

Two guided walks have been planned, of around an hour each in duration, to visit the many *Titanic* related sites and memorials in the city. Choose to do either one, or both, if you have the energy! The *Titanic* Trail Leaflet, also in your Delegate Pack, shows the routes of the walks and what can be seen along the way. Wreaths will be laid at places of memoriam on both walks.

Muster locations will be announced on the day before the walks in case the weather intervenes. Make sure you allow enough time to muster in plenty of time. The walks will leave promptly at the times stated in the Convention Itinerary.



In addition to the three excursions above, please find time to visit the SeaCity and Solent Sky museums, for which discounted tickets can be purchased that are usable at any time during your stay.



Take advantage of discounted ticket prices for these excursions. Book in advance using the BTS Convention 2023 Excursion Booking Form - available to download from our website or facebook page.

For all excursions please ensure that you bring your Convention Ticket, and wherever practicable, wear your Convention Identification Lanyard so that it is visible