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RMS *Titanic* was a Royal Mail Steamer (or, Royal Mail Ship) whose maiden voyage was scheduled to take her to New York City in April of 1912. This "White Star Line" poster advertised the return leg of the ship's maiden voyage. Image online, courtesy U.S. National Archives.

The White Star Line advertised heavily for *Titanic's* maiden voyage. Departing Southampton on April 10, 1912, she was scheduled to leave New York City, to return home, on the 20th of April.

From Southampton, *Titanic's* first stop was Cherbourg, France. She picked up passengers (like Molly Brown) and then proceeded to Queenstown, Ireland where she arrived on the 11th.

Known today as Cobh, Queenstown did not have a dock big enough for the massive ship. Frank Browne, 2nd officer David Blair and other passengers and goods were transported to/from shore on a tender, named "America." Launch tickets were used whenever people and baggage were ferried in this fashion.

The price of a ticket for *Titanic's* maiden voyage varied greatly depending on class. The range was \$4,350 for first class (capacity 905) to \$30 for steerage passage (capacity 1,134). Second-class accommodations (capacity 564) were \$1,750. When the ship left Queenstown she had 2,200 souls aboard, including crew.

Many passengers traveled with a great deal of luggage. They received baggage coupons and excess luggage tickets for each piece.

The total amount of passenger luggage, however, paled when compared to the total provisions *Titanic* carried on her maiden voyage. From 8,000 cigars to 75,000 pounds of fresh meat - and "40 tons" of potatoes - no one would go hungry while the ship was at sea. First-class passengers would be hard-pressed to enjoy better dinners on land.

As she weighed anchor for the last time, *Titanic* left Queenstown on April 11th. Follow the link to see Father Browne's picture. Note, especially, the starboard panels that fatally struck the iceberg three days later.

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## Questions 2 Ponder

### What's in a Name?

Why do you think the White Star Line owners called the "latest addition" to their fleet, *Titanic*?

What does that name mean to you?

Do you think it was a good choice for a ship's name? Explain your answer.

### Media Stream



#### Cork Harbor - Titanic Arrives in Queenstown

Image online, courtesy [Titanic Photographs](#).

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<http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Cork-Harbor-Titanic-Arrives-in-Queenstown>



#### Titanic Ferries - Ireland and America

Photo by Father Frank Browne, who traveled on the *Titanic* for part of her maiden voyage.

Image online, courtesy [Titanic Photographs.com](#).

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#### Boarding Titanic in Queenstown (Cobh)

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#### Titanic's Crew Members - Boarding at Queenstown

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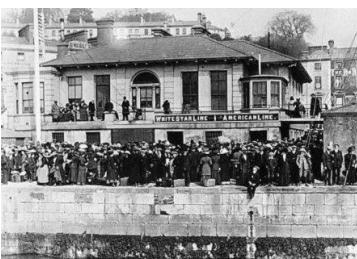


#### Titanic - Loading Baggage at Queenstown

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#### White Star Line

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Tons From Also MARCH 12 APRIL 2  
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**NEARBY SAILINGS**

Oceanic	Feb. 16, 12:00 Noon
Mitrosedea	Feb. 16, 11:00 A.M.
Vaderland	Feb. 16, 10:00 A.M.
Baltic	Feb. 15, 12:00 Noon

**AMERICAN LINE**

Fremont	Feb. 15, 12:00 Noon
London	Feb. 15, 11:00 A.M.
Atlantic Transport	Feb. 15, 10:00 A.M.

**WHITE STAR**

White Star	Feb. 15, 12:00 Noon
White Star	Feb. 15, 11:00 A.M.
White Star	Feb. 15, 10:00 A.M.

**ABRIATIC** \* **CEBRIC**  
Feb. 21 - Mar. 6

**CANOPIC** Mar. 16

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT 8 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

## Titanic's Schedule

Image online, courtesy the retronaut.com website.

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**Launch**  
OF  
White Star Royal Mail Triple-Screw Steamer  
**"TITANIC"**  
At BELFAST,  
Wednesday, 31st May, 1911, at 12:15 p.m.  
Admit Bracer.

## Titanic Launch Ticket

Image online, courtesy the R.M.S. Titanic History website.

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**COUPON**

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## Baggage Claim Coupon

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LONDON AND SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY. (60)

**EXCESS LUGGAGE TICKET**, No. 71 65397

From WATERLOO to *Weymouth* 1912

Green Weight	23 1/2
White Allowed	13 4
Excess Weight	10 1/2

Amount Received £ 3/6

Witness of Passenger *Mrs. Mary O'Connell* Working Clerk

THIS TICKET SHOULD BE DELIVERED UP BEFORE LEAVING THE RAILWAY.

## Excess Luggage Ticket

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**COUPON**

Detach and retain this coupon until all your baggage is delivered by the steamship company upon the wharf. Then present it to the Customs officer there in charge, who will stamp an Importer to make the steamship. Before this can proceed, you must subscribe, on the reverse, your signature upon this declaration. All baggage must be opened for inspection.

## Baggage Claim Coupon-Part Two

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## Titanic - Weighing Anchor at Queenstown (Cobh)

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