



Titanic's centennial concludes in the city she never reached, the place of solace for her survivors.
Titanic International Society announces Convention 2012 in New York City.

They were returning home, journeying to a new land for a new life, or simply expecting to enjoy a great port's hospitality. But for more than 1,500 aboard *RMS Titanic*, arrival in New York City was not to occur.

As worldwide observances of *Titanic's* centennial come to a close, your trustees invite you to join with other TIS members for a unique weekend of remembrance of *Titanic*, her passengers and crew, and an opportunity to reflect upon what her brief life means to us. We're planning a program that's inspiring, educational and fascinating.

Our convention hotel will be the Holiday Inn-Meadowlands in Secaucus, NJ, fully renovated in 2010 and just five miles west of Times Square. It offers free Wi-Fi internet, a microwave and mini-fridge in each room, a business center, a fitness center, restaurant with breakfast buffet, and frequent direct bus service to and from New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal and Newark's Pennsylvania Station. There's free or valet parking, too. Our hotel adjoins a beautifully landscaped, campus-style shopping mall, with more than a dozen restaurants catering to every taste and budget, and an extensive movie theater complex.

We've arranged a special rate of \$124 (plus taxes) per room per night for Friday April 27 and Saturday, April 28, and just \$129 (plus taxes) for the three days before and after the convention dates – nearly 40% off public rates and a great price for a hotel so near Manhattan. Plan to spend extra days in the Big Apple, savoring its world-renowned museums and cultural attractions!

A weekend to remember

From cruises to ceremony, cuisine to conversation, on land and "at sea," our 2012 convention offers something for everyone. **(The convention program is correct at press time, but subject to change. Continue to check the TIS web site, www.titanicinternationalsociety.org, for late-breaking convention news, and**

details of the reception and Gala Dinner menus.)

On **Friday, April 27**, registration begins at 2 p.m. in the hotel lobby. Pick up your convention welcome package and greet old friends upon their arrivals.

At 6:30 p.m., we'll meet in the upscale "Urban Plum," the hotel's cozy bar, for our private reception, featuring eight hot hors d'oeuvres choices – enough to serve as dinner – served by attentive, white-gloved staff. Enjoy a drink at the nearby cash bar, and engage in friendly discussions. If it's chilly that night, the bar's fireplace will help warm the conversations!

After a half-hour break, at 9 p.m. we'll proceed to the beautiful Meadowlands Room for a moving candlelight memorial service, consisting of specially selected readings, music and prayers for *Titanic's* passengers and crew. The names of every one of the 2,225 aboard *Titanic* will be part of this special experience.

Saturday, April 28 is an exciting, busy day. We breakfast on our own, either at our hotel (offering an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet for \$14.95) or at any of the many eateries within an easy walk from the hotel's courtyard. Then it's off by bus to Lincoln Harbor in Weehawken, NJ, where we'll board the luxury cruise vessel *Spirit of New Jersey*, just back from a multi-million-dollar refit, for a spectacular two-hour luncheon cruise around New York Harbor. We'll enjoy a superb buffet and ever-changing views of *Titanic's* intended destination port.

Upon returning to Weehawken, we'll then journey by coach to New Jersey's Liberty State Park, where we'll board a ferry to Ellis Island, the "Island of Tears." There, experienced National Park Service rangers will take us on an *exclusive* private tour of America's immigration station, where *Titanic's* third class passengers would have entered America, had fate not intervened. There will be ample time to enjoy the island's unique displays. **(Over)**

Saturday, April 28 (continued)

We'll make a brief stop at the Statue of Liberty before returning to our bus and our hotel.

After resting and refreshing ourselves, our Gala Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. with delegates choosing from three entrée choices right at their tables.

Afterwards, TIS's own Jack Eaton and Charlie Haas will offer a light-hearted, mercifully brief illustrated report on the just-completed 2012 *Titanic* Memorial Cruise.



Our convention hotel, the Holiday Inn Meadowslands

Madness" auction, with lots of fun and unique items inviting your bid, with all proceeds benefitting TIS's treasury.

On **Sunday, April 29**, at 9:30 a.m. we'll convene our annual members' meeting, where you can meet your Society's trustees, ask questions, make suggestions and help chart the Society's path. The convention then adjourns.

Your trustees have worked hard to keep costs for this memorable weekend as low as possible. **We hope that you, your family and guests will be a part**

of this once-in-a-century experience!

Directions for booking hotel and your convention registration – Please read carefully!

1. TIS will make financial commitments on your behalf, based on your reservation instructions. We cannot provide refunds for non-attendance, unless the hotel, Spirit Cruises or Statue Cruises cancels due to an emergency or other unforeseen circumstance and issues a refund to TIS.
2. For others' safety and enjoyment, those with special physical or other needs must advise the convention committee via the registration form so that a convention committee member may contact and advise you further.
3. Further details of the reception and banquet menus will be posted on our web site and in a future mailing. Check the web site frequently for the latest updates. You will be able to select your banquet dinner entrée at your table.
4. TIS cannot make hotel reservations for you, nor arrange for room sharing. Convention hotel rates (see page 1 of this flyer) apply up to three days before and three days after the convention, but do *not* include state and local taxes, currently 15%.
5. **DEADLINE:** You must submit your convention registrations to TIS, and your booking directly to the hotel, to arrive no later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on **April 5, 2012**. Hotel registrations received after this date can be accepted only on a space-available basis. **Act now, while you remember!** We suggest keeping a copy of your registration form.

OPTION ONE: ONLINE REGISTRATION: Go to <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/secaucus/hmnnj/hoteldetail?groupCode=TIS>, enter your arrival and departure dates, credit card information, etc. and book your hotel room. If you have a PayPal account, you may then go to TIS's web site, www.titanicinternationalsociety.org, click on the "PayPal" button and register for the convention. Using prices shown below, indicate the quantities and descriptions of what you're ordering in the message box.

OPTION TWO: POSTAL and TELEPHONE REGISTRATION: Make your own hotel reservation by calling 800 465-4329 and ask for the Titanic International Society rate (group code TIS) at the Holiday Inn Meadowslands hotel. Obtain the name of the person with whom you speak and a confirmation number. Then complete the form below and mail it to **Convention 2012, c/o Robert Bracken, 47 Van Blarcom Ave., Midland Park, NJ 07432-1852 USA** with your check (in U. S. dollars, drawn on a U. S. bank, payable to "Titanic International Society") for the full amount. **Please do not mail registration forms to TIS's post office box; doing so will delay our receipt of your instructions. Don't send cash!**

USE THIS FORM TO REGISTER BY MAIL. COMPLETING THIS FORM DOES NOT BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name _____ E-mail address _____
 Full mailing address _____
 Telephone number () _____ Best time to call _____
 Names of others attending with you _____

INDIVIDUAL EVENT PRICING — CHOOSE "TOTAL CONVENTION PACKAGE" (BELOW) IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL CONVENTION EVENTS!

Friday reception with hot hors d'oeuvres, candlelight memorial service	_____	@ \$45 each =	_____
	Quantity		Total
Saturday New York Harbor luncheon cruise, Ellis Island ferry and tour, all bus transportation	_____	@ \$90 each =	_____
	Quantity		Total
Saturday evening Gala Dinner, 2012 Memorial cruise presentation, Midnight Madness auction	_____	@ \$55 each =	_____
	Quantity		Total
Convention registration fee (required for each attendee)	_____	@ \$45 each =	_____
	Quantity		Total

OR _____ **Total Convention Packages @ \$235 each** (includes all items listed above.)
 Quantity TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____*

* Via check in U.S. dollars, drawn on U.S. bank, payable to "Titanic International Society." *Please do not send cash!*

Check here if someone in your party has special physical or other needs. A committee member will contact you for details.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF HOTEL BOOKINGS AND CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS: APRIL 5, 2012

Please check our web site frequently for new details, menu descriptions, etc. as they become available. **We strongly suggest that, since capacities for some events are limited, you register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.**

Questions? Use the "Contacts for members and media" button in the top right corner of the home page of our web site (www.titanicinternationalsociety.org), and select "webmaster," who will forward your questions to the Convention Committee.