

Titanic International Society 2026 Convention

Titanic's Artifacts: Preserving Her Legacy

June 11–14, 2026 | Orlando, Florida

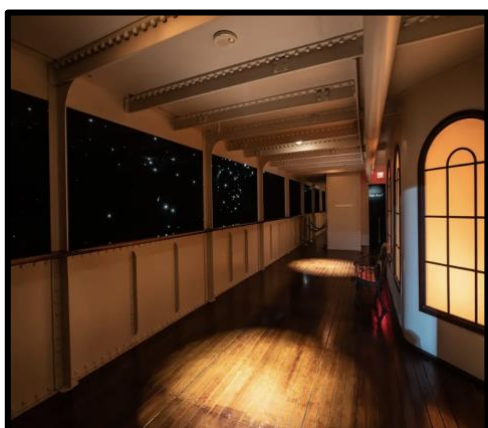
Location: *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*

If you are receiving this notice, it may be because we haven't heard from you! We have had a very good response so far for our convention. Are you still thinking about attending? Here is the good news: ***Due to popular demand, we have extended our Early Bird Special registration price to April 15, 2026, a date to remember!!*** If you haven't signed up yet, PLEASE JOIN US! We can't wait to see everyone again!

Tentative Agenda

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 – WELCOME ABOARD

- **Afternoon | Arrival and Registration | Holiday Inn Express & Suites Orlando - International Drive**
- **Evening | Welcome Reception | Exhibition Lobby**
Step into the world of *Titanic* with a casual welcome reception featuring light fare, a cash bar, and the opportunity to mingle with museum staff and fellow members.



FRIDAY, JUNE 12 – DISCOVER THE SHIP AS NEVER BEFORE!

- **Morning | Opening Session and Feature Presentation**
Titanic's Artifacts: Preserving Her Legacy
Charles Haas, President, Titanic International Society
Tomasina Ray, President and Director of Collections, RMS Titanic, Inc.
Preserving the Whole: The *Titanic* Artifact Collection
Tomasina Ray, President and Director of Collections, RMS Titanic, Inc.
- **Midday | Exclusive Museum Experiences**
Go beyond the exhibit labels with *guided, small-group tours led by artifact specialists*, or explore at your own pace alongside *Titanic* historians. Discover stories few ever hear. Don't miss the all-new Virtual Reality Experience!
- **Afternoon | Expert Talks and Behind-the-Scenes Panel**
Hear from leading voices in *Titanic* research, and those who work directly with the artifacts and guests of the museum.
- **Evening Experience | Dining, Connections & A Cinematic Deep Dive**
Unwind and connect during a reception with a cash bar and a casual buffet dinner. Authors, illustrators and digital creators are invited to display their work celebrating the world's great ocean liners. After dinner, settle in for a compelling presentation by Malte Fiebing-Petersen, President, German Titanic Society, with his thought-provoking lecture, ***Titanic (1943): Nazi Germany's Version of the Disaster.***

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 – A DEEP DIVE INTO TITANIC'S STORY

- **Morning | Welcome and Feature Presentation**
What We Didn't Bring Up: RMST's Decisions to Leave Artifacts at the Wreck Site
Ross Mumford, General Manager of TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition – Orlando
- **Midday | More Exclusive Tours and Special Experiences**
Another chance to experience the exhibition in depth with an expert artifact specialist, or on your own, immersing yourself in your favorite exhibit. Don't miss the all-new Virtual Reality Experience, where you can walk the halls of *Titanic* and witness her final moments.
- **Afternoon | Innovation and Insights**
Step into the future of *Titanic* with digital recreations, in-depth artifact discussions, and engaging roundtable conversations with experts and TIS trustees.

Digital *Titanic* – Matthew DeWinkleer, *Titanic: Honor & Glory*

Recreating and exploring *Titanic* with animations, virtual reality, and more.

The Artifact Conversation – Tomasina Ray, President and Director of Collections, RMS Titanic, Inc. Get “up close and personal” with some fascinating pieces retrieved from the ocean floor.

Titanic's Future – Roundtable discussions led by TIS trustees and speakers





• Evening | First Class *Titanic* Dinner Gala

The highlight of the weekend. Indulge in a beautifully curated four-course meal while costumed first-class “passengers” bring *Titanic*’s final evening to life through storytelling and immersive performance.

An unforgettable, elegant finale. First class attire is optional but encouraged!

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 – LOOKING AHEAD AND FAREWELL

Morning | Members’ Business Meeting and Closing Gathering

Reflect on the weekend, connect one last time, and look ahead to the Society’s future.

What’s Next?

Register **today** for the convention and book your hotel room and flights!
Remember your Real ID or passport!

Hotel Information

[Holiday Inn Express & Suites International Drive Orlando](#)

Use the link above to make your reservations.

Address: 7276 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819-8226
(located across the parking lot from *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*)

Hotel General Phone Number: 1-877-859-5095

Rate: \$139 per night plus tax, standard king or double queen, with breakfast and complimentary parking for our group included.

Group Name: “Titanic International Society 2026 Convention”

Group Dates: June 11-14, 2026

Cutoff date for hotel reservations: May 20, 2026

Note: If you wish to arrive earlier or stay longer, the group rate applies three days before and after, based on availability. Should you have any questions, email Waheeda Gines at wgines@gpmhospitality.com, however, you must make your reservation online with a credit card. **Use the above link to access the special group rate.**

Airport Transportation: The hotel does not have a shuttle to and from Orlando International Airport, approximately 15 miles away. Use Uber (about \$40 plus each way), Lyft, or rent a car if you plan to visit other area attractions.



Convention Registration

Early Bird Member Special: \$289 per person for the full weekend, if you register and pay by **April 15, 2026**

Non-Early Bird Member Registration: \$315 per person, if you register and pay after April 15, 2026

Final Registration Deadline: **May 11, 2026**

Non-Members: Add \$50 per person, and become an active member of TIS for one full year!

Calling all member-authors! If you are interested in displaying and selling your books at the book signing on Friday night, please contact Sandy Gallo, our convention coordinator, directly at sandarte@aol.com. Book early, as space will be limited.

Registration includes:

- One-day general admission ticket for *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, including the brand-new virtual reality experience.
- One special-interest guided tour ticket for *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*. These expertly designed tours are exclusive for our convention!
- Thursday, June 11: Welcome Reception; Friday, June 12: Reception and Buffet Dinner; and Saturday, June 13: First Class *Titanic* Gala Dinner (period attire optional). Complimentary buffet breakfast each day for Holiday Inn Express guests.
- Friday and Saturday presentations, behind-the-scenes panel, round table discussions, including insights from:
 - **Tomasina Ray**, President and Director of Collections, RMS Titanic, Inc.
 - **Charles Haas**, President, Titanic International Society
 - **Ross Mumford**, General Manager of *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit Orlando*
 - **Malte Fiebing-Petersen**, President, German Titanic Society
 - **Matthew DeWinkleer**, *Titanic Honor & Glory*
- Sunday, June 14: TIS Members’ Business Meeting
- Gift shop discounts, mementos and special vouchers
- Convention printing, decorations, meeting room, speakers, ticketing fees and all related service charges and taxes.

If you have any questions, special requests (food or mobility), cannot attend one of the meal functions, or are bringing children under the age of 11, please contact *Sandy Gallo*, our convention coordinator, at sandarte@aol.com before you send in your payment, to discuss possible changes to your registration. Do this only after your travel arrangements have been confirmed.

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Titanic International Society **2026 Convention Registration Form**

Please read all directions carefully! Please **print clearly**. Use this form to register for the convention by mail, and pay by check*, or see the PayPal instructions (below) to register and pay online. *Be sure to make your room reservations directly with the hotel using this online link.* We suggest that you make a copy of the completed registration form before you send it to Titanic International Society. **Registration deadline is May 11, 2026.**

Name _____ Telephone (with area code) _____

Postal address _____ E-mail _____

Names of others attending with you: _____

Arrival and departure dates: _____

___ Convention Registration Fees (see above) @ \$289 (**by April 15**) or \$315 (after April 15) per person \$ _____

Enter the number of dinner entrées you are reserving for the Titanic First Class Dinner Gala on June 13:

_____ Beef/Chicken entrées _____ Fish entrées _____ Vegetarian/Vegan entrées

*Payment via check in U.S. dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank, made payable to “Titanic International Society.” Mail the registration form with payment, to TIS treasurer Mike Beatty, 209 E. Ridley Avenue, Ridley Park, PA 19078-3427, to arrive on or before **April 15, 2026**. PayPal users: **Submit all information asked for above** via e-mail to mwbeatty@hotmail.com, and send your payment via PayPal, using payment@titanicinternationalsociety.org as your “Pay to” address, being sure to remit the full amount to TIS, excluding any PayPal fees.

***Please note:** Once your convention registration has been received, TIS will make final arrangements on your behalf. Should you need to cancel more than 30 days prior to the convention (May 11, 2026), you will receive a refund, minus a \$25 administrative fee. Should you need to cancel fewer than 30 days prior, we will be unable to make any refunds, because we already will have made payments to the convention venues.*

**Remember to book your room online with the hotel before *May 20, 2026*, sooner if possible.
Register for the convention by *April 15, 2026*, for the Early Bird Special!**

We're eager to see old friends, and meet new ones!
We're looking forward to our time together in Orlando in June!

