

# OUR LECTURERS:

## Mark Chirside

Mark is a well known, and respected, Maritime researcher, lecturer and author of many authoritative books, specialising in *Olympic*, *Titanic*, *Britannic* and the great White Star liners of the early twentieth century.

## Drew Munao

Former actor Drew, developed his interest in carpentry antique restoration into the making of scale miniatures. He has married this with his love of history and fascination with *Titanic*, into the creation of a scale models of *Titanic*'s First-Class Staterooms and interiors.

## David Kaplan

David, former teacher in Maryland, is a long term member of the Titanic Historical Society, respected *Titanic* historian and collector of artefacts. He has delivered many lectures worldwide and also constructed many display models of *Titanic* and the disaster.

## Norbert Zimmermann

German born Norbert, is a respected author of several *Titanic* books. Like many *Titanic* enthusiasts, his passion was ignited as a child by the 1953 film *Titanic*, and then more deeply, when the wreck was discovered in 1985.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Belfast, and our programme of lectures and tours. See Convention Itinerary for lecture and excursion times.



# 2024 CONVENTION BELFAST



The scheduled times for lectures are included in the Convention Itinerary

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S.S. *Nomadic* is a former tender of the White Star Line, used for transferring passengers and mail to and from R.M.S. *Olympic* and R.M.S. *Titanic*. Built by Harland & Wolff, she was launched from their Belfast yard on the 25th of April, 1911. She is the only White Star Line vessel in existence today.

## LECTURE & EXCURSION GUIDE

The scheduled times for excursions are included in the Convention Itinerary

## Titanic Walking Trail

A guided walking tour that will take in the last surviving White Star Line vessel, S.S. *Nomadic*; the former Harland & Wolff offices, now Titanic Hotel Belfast; the Harland & Wolff shipyard slipways, where the Olympic-Class liners were constructed; 'The Great Light', one of the world's rarest lighthouse optics; last survivor from the WWI Battle of Jutland, H.M.S. *Caroline*; and the Thompson Dry Dock, where *Titanic* and *Olympic* were completed.

The walk will start at the Titanic Hotel Belfast. NOTE: Tour does not include boarding *Nomadic*, or H.M.S. *Caroline*. Boarding *Nomadic* will be included in your Titanic Attraction ticket.

## City Bus & Cemetery Tour

A bus tour to Belfast City Cemetery, the final resting place of many notable figures, including Harland & Wolff's co-founder, Edward Harland, and chairman Sir William Pirrie. Fifteen-year-old Samuel Scott is also buried here; the first person to be killed, when he slipped from a ladder during the construction of *Titanic*. En-route to the cemetery, the tour will take in iconic Belfast sights such as the world-famous Peace Wall and Murals.

The bus will start and finish the tour at the Titanic Hotel Belfast.

## River Lagan Boat Trip

This river tour on the "Lady of the Lagan" will take you through the past and present of Belfast shipbuilding. Some of the biggest and most productive shipbuilders in the world, lined the banks of the River Lagan for almost 200 years. Enjoy sights such as the Harland & Wolff slipways, the Thompson dry dock gate, Thompson Wharf, the Seal Sanctuary, and the unmistakable Harland & Wolff cranes '*Samson & Goliath*'.

This tour will start and finish at the Thompson Dock Pumphouse. It is possible that we can arrange transport there and back for those with mobility issues.



Take advantage of discounted ticket prices for these bespoke excursions. Bookings in advance only, via our website Convention page.

In addition to the three excursions above, please find time to visit the Titanic Attraction and the Thompson Dry Dock Pumphouse and Distillery. Discount Codes for these two attractions will be given at Convention Registration. They are usable at any time during your stay.

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