

Reminisce a time of wealth, elegance, and a groundbreaking voyage in the "Wonder Ship". Serving as a pinnacle in history, guests will be enthralled with the timeless grandeur of this event.

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## EVENT EXPERIENCE

Evoke the feeling of grandeur and sophistication with this event theme. Transport guests to a time when there was money to spare and the wealthy lived lives of high expectations.

On the Titanic, first class passengers thought of the ship as the "Ship of Dreams", a "Wonder Ship", "Last Word in Luxury", and "Millionaire's Special". Thus, you can imagine the expectations were high for this elegant party on the sea. There were many features available for this "unsinkable ship" including a hospital with an operating room, a swimming pool, and a squash court.

The Titanic was the Jewel of the White Star line out of Europe and was the most elaborate ship set to cross the Atlantic. Running from Southern England on April 10, 1912 it was to arrive in New York on April 15th.



Including the iconic grand staircase will make guests feel as if they are on the wondrous ship themselves.

## **COLORS & TEXTURES**

Black and white with rich burgundy or cranberry tones. Textures used will be heavy print damask, in rich colors like burgundy with gold highlights.





# SETTING THE MOOD



## INVITATIONS

Invitations could be one of the following:

- A boarding pass resembling the original passes passengers received- this will help carry the theme throughout and create excitement
- Luggage tags with guests names and event details

### ENTRYWAY

Guests will be greeted by a formal red carpet that leads them to two registration tables. After registering, they will be guided into the room through a rope & stanchion entrance – made of ship rails and flags. Opposite of the entrance a large backdrop resembling the ship and iceberg will be set up, adding to the ambiance.



# PRE-FUNCTION AREA

Think cocktails on the deck of a departing ship, passengers waving goodbye to their loved ones, and the romance of the sea in waiting. Waiters adorned in white jackets and gloves will deliver drinks to guests. Cocktail tables wrapped in white spandex linens and lounge chairs for "sunbathing" along the wall will give the perception of a cocktail reception on the ship deck.

## MAIN ROOM

To imitate the most popular room on the Titanic, the main room will be set similar to the dining hall. A staircase backdrop will imitate the grand entrance that original dinner guests experienced along with the captain greeting them. Guests can have their photos taken in front of the backdrop and enjoy sounds of the band playing nearby.







# **STAGE AREA**

The stage will be set to appear as additional scenery of the boat itself or of the scenery from the boat.

# DÉCOR

Chandeliers will be hung over the dining area and the dance floor to draw guests' attention.

## FURNITURE ACCENTS

Period furniture placed in pods around the room will allow guests to envision themselves as first class passengers as they socialize with one another. Cocktail tables with black covers and white ties will maintain the formal appearance for the evening.

## CENTERPIECES

Two different centerpieces will be used at dinner tables to add depth and dimension to the room:

- Half of the guests' tables will have silver candelabras, draped in crystals.
- The other half will have crystal groupings of vases with blue lights inside that create a slight iceberg display.
- A single crystal votive with a blue light will be placed in the center of the high cocktail tables.

## DINNER SET UP

Dining tables will be well-dressed in stylish cranberry damask linen that









hangs to the floor. Gold or crystal chargers placed on the tables with menu cards placed on top are a grand addition. Cranberry damask napkins with gold tassel ties will be placed on each plate. Chairs will be either gold chiavaris or white chair covers with cranberry colored chair ties. For what would be their final meal on the Titanic, first-class passengers were served an 11-course dinner that included salmon, lamb in mint sauce, and pâté de foie gras.

### **BAR AND CUSTOM DRINK**

Champagne selections from Moët and Heidsieck & Co. along with a signature drink selection of Manhattan, Tom Collins, and John Collins. These were the cosmos and appletinis for that time period.

Other cocktails crafted during this time

include the Rob Roy and the Robert Burns.

### ICE SCULPTURES

Ice is always a highlight for events. The ice sculpture will be used to display the company logo or party logo and light it up.

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### A Night on the Titanic

Actors dressed as prominent figures that were aboard the Titanic will greet guests for the night. A grand pianist will be available to play classic selections from a list of songs that guests can request. This is a great way to involve guests in music and entertainment of the era.



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#### Moments in History

To signify the importance and solemnity of this historical event, assign guests a passenger name when they arrive and later tell them if they survived. This is a practice done by some history museums and can evoke a pensive atmosphere for the night.

#### The Titanic Brought to Life

The following characters can be incorporated into the theme with costuming:

#### **Captain Edward Smith:**

Have someone dress as the ship captain, Captain Edward Smith, a white bearded fellow with a bit of a paunch belly, but commanding all the same. Having Captain Smith decked out in his white Captain gear, greeting guests and rubbing elbows with the wealthiest of the wealthy. After all, Edward Smith was known as the 'Millionaire's Captain'. This was because England's upper class preferred to sail on Captain Smith's ships.

#### Isidor Straus and his wife Ida:

The Elderly owners of Macy's were aboard and refused to take a life boat. They retired to their cabin and perished together.

#### John Jacob Aster IV:

Famous not only for his wealth but also for being a bit of a cad who had divorced his first wife to marry an 18-year-old woman (29 years his junior) immediately following his divorce. He was left behind and perished on the ship, but not for lack of trying. He attempted get on one of the lifeboats while helping his pregnant young wife onto the lifeboat. This was viewed as a cowardice ploy.



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## PHOTO OPS

Have an area set aside for guests to take pictures. People always love having pictures to take home or that they can see on social media to look back on what a fun time they had at the event. A grand staircase will be a great spot for your guests to have their photo taken.

