

Would You Sail on the (New) Titanic?

An Australian company is building a copy of the *Titanic*, the famous ship that sank in 1912. All aboard?

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The new *Titanic* will look exactly like the original but will have modern safety features.

You're about to begin a journey on the legendary *Titanic*. As you wait to depart, passengers stroll across the deck wearing crisp suits and ball gowns studded with jewels. Violins play, and waiters pass by carrying silver trays of dainty appetizers.

Do you want to get off now, before it's too late? Hang on: This is not the RMS *Titanic* that sank in 1912. This is the *Titanic II*, a replica that is being built by an Australian company.

The original *Titanic* was the largest and most elegant ship the world had ever seen. And according to its owners, it was the safest too. Passengers on its first voyage—from England to New York—included many wealthy and famous people. Others were moving to the U.S., hoping to start a new life. For both rich and poor, a ticket for the

News of the *Titanic* disaster shocked and horrified the world. The ship had been called "unsinkable."



The New York Times.

TITANIC SINKS FOUR HOURS AFTER HITTING ICEBERG

Titanic was a dream come true.

Then, four days into its journey, disaster struck: The *Titanic* hit an iceberg and began to sink. Panicked passengers scrambled to get into lifeboats. But because the ship had been considered "unsinkable," it did not have nearly enough lifeboats for everyone. Within three hours, the *Titanic* disappeared into the ice-cold Atlantic Ocean, killing more than 1,500 people.

Since that night, there have been countless books, articles, exhibits, and films about the *Titanic*'s tragic voyage. So it is not surprising that a company has decided to re-create the famous ship, allowing people to step into a story that has fascinated us for more than a century.

Titanic II will be the spitting image of the RMS *Titanic*, down to every last chandelier. But it will be fully modern, with the

latest technology and safety features.

Many people might still be afraid to travel on a reproduction of the doomed ship. Yet plenty are eager to climb aboard, with some willing to pay up to \$900,000 for a single spot. Once again, it seems that a ticket for the *Titanic* is a dream come true. ■

WORD HUNT

In the article, find:

- **2 nouns** that mean "a copy"
- **1 verb** that means "to copy"
- **1 idiom** that means "an exact copy"

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