

The town of Cobh (formerly Queenstown) ascends from the sea and splendidly dominates Cork Harbour, one of the largest natural harbours in the world. This historical area has experienced invasion, emigration, transportation and offers a wealth of maritime heritage. It was the last port of call of RMS Titanic on 11th April 1912. St Colman's Cathedral overlooks the brightly coloured streets and the islands of Haulbowline and Spike. The deepwater quay provides the perfect cruise liner berth for dozens of visiting ships each year and continues to attract world famous vessels such as the QE2 and the Independence of the Seas. The overarching history of the area is best explored on the Titanic Trail daily guided walking tour and the best sea perspective can be had by hiring a boat from the Cork Harbour Boat Hire.

St. Colman's Cathedral - Started in 1868, the building of this Cathedral took over 50 years to complete. It was designed in a French neo Gothic style and contains magnificent examples of stained glass windows, marble carving and stonework. The spire is 91 metres (300 ft.) tall and contains a 49 bell carillon.

Cobh Civic & Maritime Museum - Formerly a Scots Presbyterian church, Cobh Museum contains a wide collection of artifacts reflecting the great maritime and civic history of the town. The museum offers research facilities and holds a number of old passengers lists of ships that set out from Cork Harbour.

John F. Kennedy Park - This promenade on the water's edge is a favourite place for locals and visitors to relax. The bandstand is located near the spot where Queen Victoria stepped ashore in Ireland for the first time in August 1849. During the summer months regular band and music recitals take place there. The 2 cannons in the promenade were returned from the Boer and Crimean Wars in 1899 and 1854 respectively.

Spike Island - Get the best insight into this intriguing island on the Spike Island guided walking tour. Departures at 2pm daily: June - September. Book online at www.titanic.ie. Group tours also available year round. Call 021 4815211.

Titanic Memorial - Unveiled in 1998, the bronze plaque was designed and crafted by local artist Mr. Michael Donovan. Millvina Dean youngest survivor of the Titanic was present at the unveiling.

Bible Garden - Thais delightful garden is attached to a contemplative monastery run by the Benedictine Order of Nuns. There are interesting views of the Harbour and the Cathedral from here. The gardens are set out in a biblical theme and provide a serenity of location that many visitors enjoy.

Queenstown Story Heritage Centre/ Railway Station - This station which provides a rail link to Cork City has been in continual operation since 1862. It also houses one of Ireland's finest heritage centres. The history of emigration, famine and transatlantic maritime travel is retold in a multi audio visual display. The centre recently opened a new permanent Titanic exhibition.

Old Church (Clonmel) Cemetary - This cemetery about 1.5 kms from the centre of the contains the graves of many local notables and ordinary people of Cobh. There is also several mass graves there including the Lusitania plots a total of 169 of the victims are buried here in three mass graves and a number of individual plots.

The Jameson Experience - The Old Midleton Distillery is where distilling took place from 1825 until 1975. Learn how Jameson became the worlds largest selling Irish whiskey. A guided tour includes a visit to the grain stores, water wheel building, and still house where you will see the largest pot still in the world. Taste the famous Jameson brand after your tour and maybe become a certified Irish whiskey taster! The Malt House Restaurant and Jameson Gift Shop are open all year round. Tours 7 days a week, all year. Call for exact times 021 4613594.