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Verified Reviewer Original review: Much smaller than ones I had been in before. Went to Alaska and were able to get very close to icebergs. Larger ships were not able to do that. Staff knowledgeable and friendly. It looked like it had been run over by a truck. Never Holland America again! We require contact information to ensure our reviewers are real. We use intelligent software that helps us maintain the integrity of reviews. Our moderators read all reviews to verify quality and helpfulness. For more information about reviews on ConsumerAffairs. He was quarantined by a dr in AK and I took a note back to the cruise director to see if they could help us out. She said you can stay at the hotel for the 2 days before we could fly out. We purchased airfare thru them and was told nothing they could do. When we got back home I called Holland and explained the situation and was told that we decided on our own to leave so they would not give us back the 2nd half of our trip. I did have travel insurance so I got some money back but I will never use Holland again and they used to be our favorite. Customer service is out the window. We had an outside room with a veranda and the room was spacious enough. We used the cleaning service and it was great, we had our clothes the next day. The room attendants kept the quarters immaculate. We love Holland America. The food was also good and plentiful as is with most cruises. Some of the stops seemed to overwhelm the local ability to accommodate the ship. However, staff, crew and accommodations were uniformly great. Food was wonderful and service was great. Due to high winds in a port, we were unable to make our last stop at a port. But better safe than sorry. First, the ship went right by Tom Sawyer glaciers, which they said we would cruise. So, we never got to see glaciers. We got off at Skagway, 2 days there was not needed. They make you put your luggage out early in the morning at every stop, then you wait around to go somewhere or do something. We watched them throw our luggage around every day. They told us the wrong Hotel we were supposed to stay at in Seattle when we got back, so we had to run all over the place to get the right Hotel. Holland America does not care one bit about my problems with them. The food is good and a good variety. May 7, Were told we had open seating for dinner when we booked the cruise. The first night we showed up we were told everything was booked for second seating. Talked to clerks on the phone and asked for a supervisor to call and give us an explanation. No call backs but we received the usual invitation for supposedly Holland America important supporters. I went to the captain and told him of my problem and he said he would take care of it. Nothing happened and I found out later that a large organization had all the good dinner times. I will never cruise with these people again after previously enjoying four previous cruises. April 20, Holland American Cruise Line is not organizing. I put my belong in a locker wear a robe and get into the spa. Before I got in the steam room I hang my robe there with my locker key and my glass. After 5 minutes my robe gone. A passenger told me that he saw a staff took it. Until I went to get new key I found out that all my belongs gone. I blame the spa on Holland American Cruise responsible for my lost. The key system not fit to a small locker room. They hire unprofessional and not loyal employers. When I submit my claim lost to the administration. They ignored my claim. I keep call them daily until finally after 30 days I got answer that they decided to denied my claim. The company trying to save money on small think and the passengers paid the price. No wonder them rate so low because passenger unhappy with this company.

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Southampton to New York Overview: Following a discussion of how they might work together to respond to the increasing competition on the North Atlantic sea route, Ismay and Lord Pirrie agreed that Harland and Wolff would build three super liners, Olympic, Titanic and Gigantic her name was later changed to Britannic. These three sisters would provide unmatched luxury and safety for transatlantic passengers. While the ships would be fast, they were never intended to challenge for the record Atlantic crossing. At over 45,000 tons, they would be the largest passenger liners ever built. Titanic would be over 900 feet long and could carry over 2,200 passengers. Passenger accommodations consisted of the following: First class - rooms, berths, sofas and seats in the saloon Second class - rooms, berths and sofas and seats in the saloon Third class - in rooms, 40 open berths and seats in the saloon Construction on the first of the three sisters, Olympic, began in late 1901. Work on her sister, Titanic began a year later in March of 1902. Because of the ships size, both the facilities in Belfast, where the ships were built and New York, their North American destination, had to be expanded. Titanic was launched in May of 1911 and spent the next 11 months fitting out at the Harland and Wolf shipyards. A total of three million rivets were used on her hull, and each of her anchors weighed approximately 8 tons. Titanic did not sail at full capacity on her maiden voyage. A total of 2,208 passengers sailed in first class, in second class and in third class, or steerage. While many writers and web sites claim that the builders dubbed her "unsinkable", there is no record that White Star or her captain Edward J. Smith ever using those words to describe Titanic. It is more likely that this unfortunate, and inaccurate, label was applied by the popular press at the time and over the years it became attributed to both the captain and White Star. The reality was that Titanic offered her passengers the latest in shipbuilding technology with a double hull and a total of 16 water-tight compartments that were designed to keep her afloat even if up to 4 of them became flooded. In addition to the latest technology, she also provided her passengers some of the most luxurious services and accommodations available. To keep passengers occupied during the crossings she had an indoor swimming pool, a squash court, a gymnasium and even a Turkish Bath. To help passengers stay in contact with business or friends at home, she was equipped with a Marconi radio transmitter and receiver which was staffed 24 hours a day. The facilities in the first class staterooms were unmatched at sea and even rivaled many of the finest shoreside accommodations. The quality and variety of food on board was exquisite and the level of service was superb. In addition to the formal dining room, Titanic also offered her first class passengers more personal service in the Verandah restaurant where they could order from a special a-la-carte menu. Accommodations for second class and steerage passengers, while nowhere near the luxury of first class, were nonetheless superior to many of the top accommodations found on other ships. This new level of luxury and service attracted the elite of British and American society and as a result, Titanic sailed on her maiden voyage with a passenger list that included an unmatched list of celebrities. She also attracted a large number of steerage passengers who were drawn by her size and reputation as a safe ship. While Titanic sported 4 funnels, only three of them were functional - the fourth funnel was added for cosmetic and marketing purposes. She left Southampton at noon on Wednesday April 10th and proceeded across the English channel to Cherbourg, France where she stopped briefly to pick up additional passengers. In Cherbourg, events went more smoothly and after picking up passengers from tenders, Titanic proceeded northwest to Queenstown, Ireland to pick up her final group of New York-bound passengers. She also dropped off a few very lucky Queenstown-bound passengers. On the evening of April 11th, she left Queenstown and headed out into the Atlantic. As she headed east, she took the southern track which followed the arc of a great circle from Fastnet rock to the Nantucket Shoals Lightship. This was considered the safest route to avoid the dangers of thick pack ice and large icebergs typically found

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in more northerly waters at that time of year. As Captain Smith gradually increased her speed to 22 knots, the experienced passengers on board began to settle into the normal routines of a crossing - getting to know their fellow passengers, exploring the ship, and dressing for dinner. Weather was clear and relatively warm, since the winter of had been uncharacteristically mild. Unfortunately for Titanic, this mild winter had caused an unusually large amount of ice to break away and drift south into the shipping lanes. With nice weather and smooth seas, passengers in all classes enjoyed four pleasant days at sea. On Sunday, April 14th, the weather began to change and the temperature began to fall. Outside the temperature continued to drop but the moonless, star-filled sky remained clear. He rang the bridge and First Officer Murdoch responded by ordering Titanic turned hard to port and the engines full astern. As a result, Titanic began a slow turn away from the iceberg. Unfortunately, she was too close and moving too fast, and her starboard side brushed against the berg. Surprisingly the impact against the iceberg was barely felt by most passengers with many sleeping through the entire incident. A number of the passengers awake at the time thought Titanic had just barely touched the iceberg or missed it completely. Very few believed the ship had been seriously damaged and some even played football with pieces of ice that had fallen from the berg to the ships foredeck. Contrary to most reports at the time and for the next 72 years , Titanic did not suffer a "huge gash" but rather an extended separation of her hull plates. The result was a very small, but very long opening to the sea that doomed the ship. After visiting the forward section of the ship, Andrews informed Captain Smith that the damage was fatal and that the ship would probably sink within two hours. Ironically, had the lookouts not seen the iceberg and Titanic rammed the berg head-on, the damage would have been limited to her bow compartments and she likely would have made it safely to land. Just after midnight the crew was instructed to begin waking passengers and advised them to dress warmly, put on their life jackets and report to their lifeboat stations. Since the lifeboats could only accommodate about 1, passengers, it was decided that women and children would be put into the boats first. Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons including, language, location and social class, passengers in second class and steerage did not arrive at their boat stations until much later, after many of the lifeboats had already left. As a consequence, a greater percentage of these passengers perished. All of the boats were launched by 2: As the water-filled bow plunged toward the bottom, the mostly empty stern, righted itself temporarily and then quickly filled with water and joined the bow on a two and a half mile plunge to the cold Atlantic floor. Of the 2, passengers that left for New York on Titanic, only had made it into lifeboats. The remaining 1, passengers perished - with many left struggling in the near freezing water. According to the formal British inquiry, the breakdown of survivors was as follows: Soon thereafter, they saw rockets in the sky fired by the Cunard liner Carpathia. Carpathia began picking up survivors as dawn broke and by mid morning it was over. She arrived there on the evening April 18th and was mobbed by hopeful families and a waiting press. The wreck was located 73 years after she went down, by Dr. Ballard who was able to confirm the previous reports that the ship had broken in two before she sank. To learn more about Titanic, check out one of these books from Amazon.

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