

The Titanic



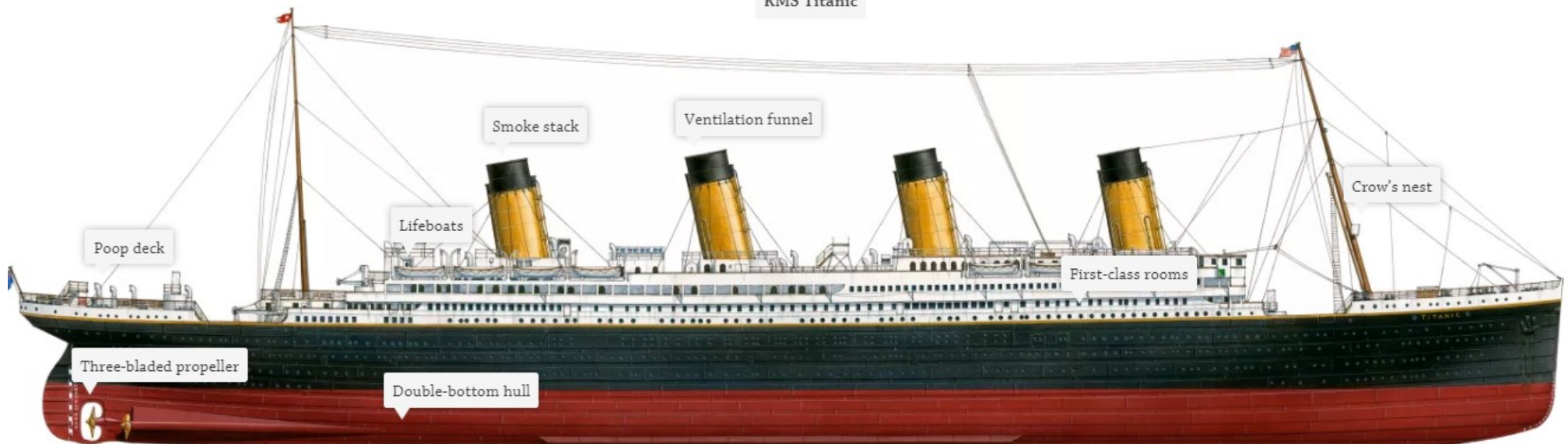
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The *Titanic* was a luxury ocean liner that sank on its maiden (first) voyage in 1912. The world's longest passenger ship at 269m (883ft) long, it was so big it was considered to be impossible to sink.

While sailing in freezing waters between Europe and the US, it struck an iceberg and filled with water. Hundreds of people drowned or died of hypothermia (extreme cold) when the ship sank to the bottom of the ocean.

The Titanic was the most magnificent and luxurious ship ever built. It was also the longest, heaviest passenger liner ever built at the time. RMS stands for "Royal Mail Ship", because the Titanic was carrying letters to America for the Royal Mail.

RMS Titanic



Three bladed propeller

The Titanic had three huge propellers (turning parts with blades that pushed the ship forward). These were powered by burning coal in the engine rooms. The engines needed 6.3 metric tons (6.2 tons) of coal for the voyage.

Poop deck

The poop deck is the roof of a cabin at the back of the ship. The cabin was used as a general room for third-class passengers.

Double-bottom Hull

A hull is the outer layer of a ship or boat. The Titanic's hull had a second layer of metal within the first, intended to make it safer.

Lifeboats

There was enough space in the lifeboats for 1,178 people. However, there were around 2,228 people on board. When the ship sank, there were nowhere near enough spaces to save everyone.

Smokestack

Smoke from the engine room was pushed up out of huge funnels.

Ventilation Funnel

This funnel looks like the others but is a dummy used for ventilation (allowing air to flow).

First-Class Rooms

The best first-class suites (sets of rooms) cost £512 (\$2,493 in 1912 exchange rates). This was hugely expensive at the time.

Crow's Nest

Lookouts could keep watch for icebergs from this raised platform. Unfortunately, the lookouts did not have binoculars, which may have helped them spot the iceberg that sank the ship before it was too late.