

MASTER'S AWAY VISIT TO BELFAST 12-14 SEPTEMBER 2021

A happy group of liverymen and friends joined the Master, for her 'away' visit to Belfast. All transfers from Wales and London were executed smoothly, and the private coach dropped us at the Titanic Hotel in Belfast.



Titanic Hotel & Museum. Stuart Christine and Jane steer the 'Nomadic'

Roy, Una, Khawla & SuSu arrive

The hotel was an impressive modernisation of the former headquarters of Harland & Wolff, builders of Titanic, and is located in the Titanic Quarter Belfast – next to the beautiful Titanic Museum. The hotel tour demonstrated the extensive planning for the Titanic build and launch. The architecture in the former Drawing Offices is stunning.

A private tour of the City of Belfast followed to the top visitor sites. These included:



The Parliament at Stormont

Queen's University

Belfast Castle overlooking City & Lough



The Peace Wall being photographed by Ron Eccles

On Monday we had a full day's excursion along the Scenic Coastal Route and Game of Thrones locations to the World Heritage site the Giant's Causeway.



The dark hedges

Geoff and Sue at the Causeway

The Giant's Causeway

We returned via Dunluce Castle to the Belfast Artisan Gin Distillery for an interesting tour and very enjoyable tasting!



We gathered before dinner to see who had triumphed in John Solbé's challenge to photograph the perfect Giant's Causeway 'hexagon'. The entries submitted by Ron, Stuart and Roy showed lots of initiative! Chocolates were awarded, by Rosie, to all!

Our final morning saw us taking part in the amazing "Titanic Experience" at the Museum. The Shipyard 'ride' was a highlight, and the interactive displays brought the poignant story of immense vision, hard work and heart-breaking disaster to life.



The Titanic experience begins



Rosie, John, Geoff, Sue & Keith high above cranes Sampson & Goliath



We enjoyed a final lunch at the hotel where Guinness was the 'order' of the day. All transfers were again carried out smoothly and we all made a safe return to home.

We would all like to thank Christopher for his hard work.

I'd like to offer my thanks to the wonderful group for excellent company, good fellowship and lots of fun! *Kathy*