



Titanic Saddlesore 1000 and Titanic Saddlesore 1000 Gold Rules

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Following are the guidelines for earning a Certificate of Completion for visiting the historically important locations related to the design, construction, registration and sailing of the White Star Line's RMS Titanic WHILST also completing 1,000 miles or more within 24 hours. If you are not currently a member of the Iron Butt Association, completion of this ride will provide you with IBA membership.

The locations are:

- 1) **Titanic Experience Cobh**, 20 Casement Square, Cobh, Co. Cork, Ireland P24 DW63

51.84991872306324, -8.294581528713136

Formerly the White Star Line building, Queenstown, Titanic's last port of call.¹

- 2) **Titanic Hotel Belfast**, Queen's Road, Titanic Quarter, Belfast BT3 9DT, Northern Ireland

54.60788468120534, -5.909032822278438

Formerly Harland & Wolff Headquarters and Drawing Offices, where the Titanic was designed and built.

- 3) **Albion House**, 30 James St, Liverpool L2 7PQ, United Kingdom

53.40464216098975, -2.9925582713709296

Formerly White Star Lines Headquarters, the Titanic's port of registry was Liverpool.

- 4) **Titanic Engineers Memorial**, London Rd, Southampton SO14 7DW, United Kingdom

50.91023233195109, -1.4046368067241906

The bronze and granite memorial was originally unveiled by Sir Archibald Denny, president of the Institute of Marine Engineers on 22nd April 1914. Southampton was the departure port for the Titanic's first and last voyage and home to over 500 of those that perished aboard.²

¹ 110 Irish people lost their lives on the Titanic, while 54 survived.

² 549 people from Southampton lost their lives, and 175 survived.

You may also complete the ride two-up (with one person doing the piloting, the other being a passenger the entire distance - you may not share piloting duties!). In these cases, the Iron Butt Association issues one certificate, with both rider and passenger on it, but we provide two copies of it; one for the rider and one for the passenger. There is NO additional charge for a passenger, however, if they would like a pin or plate frame, you will need to add that in on the fee schedule page.

There are three prime steps to earning a Titanic SS1000 Certificate.

1. Choose a safe route.

2. Collect and track receipts.

3. Copy and submit your documentation and photographs.

Since safety is our primary concern, no pre-registration of your ride is needed. Our goal is to give you added flexibility to decide on any given day whether the combination of weather, your motorcycle and most importantly, your attitude, are ready for a big ride.

Types of Certificates.

There are two levels of difficulty.

Titanic SS1000 – Visit the four points above, in less than 24 hours, riding over 1,000 miles.

Titanic SS1000 Gold – Visit six points in less than 24 hours, over 1,000 miles. The four points above PLUS two of the bonus points below AND be riding at some time during the anniversary of the RMS Titanic's voyage. i.e. get a Business Dated Receipt during the period 10th April to 15th April.

Bonus points:

- 1) **James Farrell Titanic Memorial Garden**, Ennybegs, Killoe, Co. Longford, Ireland (*Passenger*)
- 2) **Titanic Memorial Park**, Adrigoole, Lahardane, Co. Mayo, Ireland (*Passengers*)³
- 3) **Frank Dwan Memorial**, Bunmahon, Co. Waterford, Ireland (*Passenger*)
- 4) **Jock Hume and Thomas Mullin Titanic Monument**, Dumfries, Scotland, UK (*Bandmember and Steward*)
- 5) **Wallace Hartley Titanic Memorial**, 67 Albert Road, Colne, Lancashire, BB8 0BP, Great Britain (*Bandmaster*)
- 6) **Titanic Memorial Garden**, National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich, Greater London, SE10 9NF, Great Britain
- 7) **Captain Edward Smith** statue, Beacon Park, Swan Road, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QZ, Great Britain (*Captain*)
- 8) **WT Stead Memorial Stone**, Outside Darlington Library, Crown Street, Darlington, County Durham, DL1 1ND, Great Britain (*Passenger*)
- 9) **John George Phillips Memorial Cloister**, 30 Church Street, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1EP, Great Britain (*Chief Wireless Operator*)
- 10) **WT Stead Tablet**, Opposite Temple Place, Victoria Embankment, London, Greater London, WC2R 2PN, Great Britain (*Passenger*)

³ 11 passengers from Lahardane lost their lives:

Catherine Bourke, John Bourke, Mary Bourke, Mary Canavan, Patrick Canavan, Bridget Donohoe, Honor 'Nora' Fleming, James Flynn, Catherine McGowan, Bridget Delia Mahon, and Mary Mangan. Three others survived: Anna Katherine 'Annie Katie' Kelly, Bridget Delia McDermott, Anna Louise McGowan – all heading to "the New World" for a better life.

STEP ONE, Choose your preferred route.

Your ride needs to be completely documented (steps outlined below) and cover a minimum distance of 1,000 miles in 24 hours or less. The minimum distance between the historical points is less than 1,000 miles so YOU MUST ADD distance to reach the required 1,000 miles. This can be achieved by your choice of start/finish locations or the addition of a "spur" onto your route. For example, you may reach your last Titanic location and then continue riding for several hours before obtaining a finish receipt 100 miles away.

Please keep in mind, 24 hours is wall time, not riding time. So, if you start your ride at 5:00 pm on June 1st, you must finish it before 5 pm on June 2nd. The Total time also includes your ferry travel time so you will need to choose your ferry crossing carefully (**you are advised to use Cairnryan Ports to/from Larne with P&O or Stena to/from Belfast**).

A safe ride should be your primary goal. If this is your first attempt at a 1,000 mile day, we highly recommend that you study the Iron Butt Association's 25 long distance riding tips located on the IBA Forum at: <https://ironbutt.org/25tips.html> .

IMPORTANT NOTE: Unless your speedometer has been calibrated, do NOT depend on your own odometer readings for official mileage! Most Japanese motorcycles register at least four percent more miles than actually travelled. Over the course of a 24 hour period, this error can be quite severe - as much as 40 miles. IN ALL CASES, mileage will be verified with either Google Maps, Garmin BaseCamp or MyRoute App or other computer mapping products.

Motorcycling comes with risk and riding 1,000 miles or more increases your risk substantially. It is imperative you understand the risk you are taking and minimize the possibility of an accident by practicing safe motorcycle habits. No one, not even the most experienced long distance rider, can safely fight off fatigue. If you are tired, the only option is to stop and rest. Ignoring the symptoms of fatigue can be fatal. The SaddleSore rides enjoy a fantastic safety record but to continue this record requires you to do your part. If you are tired, having a bad day, or facing other hurdles that are impacting your riding skills, please stop and rest so that you may enjoy motorcycling another day!

Please remember that the Iron Butt Association is dedicated to the sport of safe, long-distance motorcycle riding. It does not condone, nor will it tolerate unsafe activities such as excessive speed (in many counties, riding more than 20 miles per hour above the speed limit may also get you charged with dangerous driving. Dangerous driving is a serious charge in any jurisdiction. Reckless motorcycle operation, riding while fatigued or otherwise impaired, the use of stimulants to maintain alertness, or any other activity that results in riders exceeding their personal limits will not be condoned. Any rider found to have engaged in these or other unsafe activities, as determined in the sole discretion of the IBA, will have their certification refused. If the certification is already issued and we find out about these infractions after the fact, the certification will be revoked. For these purposes, the IBA will consider as an admission of violating this policy any public statements made by the participant that describe participation in unsafe activities during a ride subject to certification.

STEP TWO: Collect receipts and Photographic evidence.

Before the start, you will want to check out, petrol stations or ATM to find one that has a legible Dated Business Receipt (DBR) with a good Location, Time and Date on it to document the start of your ride.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Date and time is most important for your Start and Finish receipts. They are much less critical on the other ride receipts. We know there are mistakes on many station clocks -spend your time concentrating on the start and end receipts.



DBR Example

To be clear about the odo/receipt photo this is a good example.

Note that:

Bike's live odometer is visible.

Receipt has site location visible.

Receipt has date/time visible.

Preferably fill up your tank and obtain a computer printed petrol receipt with a legible date and time stamp. NOTE: Many fuel stations in Europe are printing an "invoice number" which is actually the time of the transaction for example, you might see Inv# 113557 which means 11:35:57 am. You may also elect to use a bank ATM receipt with a time and date stamp for your start time but be aware that many ATMs do not list a location and thus is ineligible for a receipt.

Please try to leave with your tank full.

***** THE COMPUTER TIME STAMP WILL BE YOUR OFFICIAL STARTING TIME *****

The following log entries and completed are mandatory:

Log entries must be made at each petrol stop A log entry includes the following information: DATE, TIME, LOCATION (i.e. London) and ODOMETER reading. A receipt must accompany each log -sheet entry (please note, that the receipts from these fuel stops, where possible should include a date stamp - we do NOT care about time stamps on these receipts, do not waste time worrying about time stamps, the only time stamps that are critical are the start and finish receipts!).

Obtain a computer generated receipt from the immediate vicinity of The Titanic Experience Cobh, Titanic Hotel Belfast, Albion House, Liverpool, and Titanic Engineers Memorial, Southampton. These receipts should be obtained as close to the actual location as possible. Any computer generated receipt (ATM, Garage, Shop etc) will be sufficient. There are ATMs within a couple of hundred yards of all the buildings/memorials, except at Belfast, where an ATM or petrol station DBR etc. from the central Belfast area will suffice. Alternatively, if you are using a Spotwalla compatible device, a "Check in/OK" logged to your Spotwalla or FindMeSpot trip will suffice. Send a link to the trip record with your application.

Take a Photograph showing YOU, your motorcycle (and any Pillion Passenger) at each of the four locations. And at any bonus points, if attempting the Gold ride.

The building or monument should be clearly visible in the background.

The Buildings are located at the following locations.

Cobh, County Cork – Belfast – Liverpool - Southampton

In order for the verification team to account for your time, **log entries must be made at each stop longer than 20 minutes** (for example you decide to stop at a roadside rest stop for a nap or get a hotel room during the ride). Each entry for extended stops must include the approximate length of the stop or the start time and ending time. Meals that take longer than 20 minutes are considered rest stops - where possible please try and obtain a restaurant receipt. Obviously, many types of stops, for example stop in a rest area, will not generate any kind of receipt - this is acceptable, but please account for the time in your trip log.

WARNING: If your motorcycle is equipped with a large fuel-tank, please note that you must stop at least once every 350 miles for fuel (this is purely for documentation for your ride). Although we know it is possible to ride greater distances non-stop, we will not accept a claim of this type.

At the end of your ride, before the 24 hour time period is up, obtain a computer printed petrol receipt with a legible location, date and time stamp.

***** THE RECEIPT WILL BE YOUR OFFICIAL ENDING TIME *****

STEP THREE: Prepare Copy and Submit your documentation.

Print your Photographs onto plain printer paper in order to include these with you other documentation.

COPY your receipts and number the copies to correspond to your trip log.

COPY your log-sheet.

***** Retain your original documentation - only send copies! *****

If needed, write a short note about any problems with your ride, for example, "The receipt from Liverpool does not have the correct date. I had the attendant write the correct date. The stations number is 0207 123 1234

We strongly caution that out on the road it may not be possible to follow these guidelines to the letter. If that happens, please explain any problem you encountered, and we will do our best to work out a solution. For example, 23 hours and 35 minutes into this ride, one person could not find a petrol station with a computer generated receipt (obviously, our favourite type), so he got a few locals to witness the time he arrived. His other documents clearly supported his claim of riding the distance in the timeframe he claimed so we did not hesitate to process his award.

COMPLETE the attached form. Basically, this is information where to send the awards, what name and motorcycle you want on the certificate and the basic route you would like the award to note.

FINALLY, either scan and email the documents to:

ironbuttireland@gmail.com

Or post the package to:

IBA Ireland, 44 Finlaystown Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim BT44 8EA

You will receive confirmation of your documentation being received.

No Fee is due at this stage.

When we get your ride documentation, one of several people will start the verification process. Due to the extensive work involved (keying data into mileage spreadsheets, map verifications, and custom certificate preparations) and the fact that 100% of the labour involved with producing these awards is performed by volunteers, it will usually take around a month before your certificates will be ready for signature and mailed to you.

We realize this is a long time to wait for your certification. However, our certification process is very thorough. In fact, the entire certification process is what gives your certificate value. It would be very easy for the Iron Butt Association to simply take money and print up a generic "you rode a 1,000 mile day" certificate, however, the value of the entire certification program is in the fact that not just anyone can get an Iron Butt Association ride certification. The downside is this process takes time... We can only offer that when you receive your certification you know that not only you earned it, and so did any other rider that you meet with the same certification.

Before we can issue your certification, you may be asked to clarify certain aspects of your ride and/or documentation by either e-mail, phone or letter. Additionally, certain aspects of your ride are subject to audit by yet another set of IBA volunteers charged with insuring only people that rode the miles get the award. Should your package get tagged for that audit, it too may delay the final determination of your claim for the award.

If you have any questions about this ride, you may send e-mail to ironbuttireland@gmail.com Make sure you are 100% certain you understand these rules BEFORE you start your ride.

Iron Butt Association Ireland

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Checklist of documents needed for Titanic SS1000:

___ Copy of Start and Finish form.

___ Copies of Receipts including those from the vicinity of the historical locations (do not send

originals!) Or Spotwalla/FIndMeSpot link showing "Check In/OK" points.

___ Copies of your Photos (all on 1 A4 sheet is fine)

___ Explanation of any problems encountered.

FEE SCHEDULE

No payment is due when you submit your paperwork. If your ride passes the verification process, you will be informed and then instructed to forward payment.

Titanic SS1000 certificate only	£30 (€35)
Additional copy of certificate at the same time	Free
Additional copy of certificate at another date	£4 (€5)
IBA Ireland Pin Badge (if desired)	£7 (€8)

Address to mail certificates to:

Contact phone number(s), best time to reach you:

your e-mail address: _____

If you have completed an Iron Butt Association ride before, what is your IBA#? _____

Name you want on certificate: _____

(For example, Jonathan J. Smith or John Smith)

Your age (only used for statistics): _____

Circle One (only used for statistics): Male Female

Did you do this ride with anyone else or in a group? Y/N

If so, who: _____

Date of start: _____ (for example, 05 August 2023)

Motorcycle make/model ridden: _____

Note: this is used on your certificate. For example, do you want us to list your Honda Gold Wing as a Honda GL1500 or do you want us to list it as a Honda Gold Wing. You may also include a model year if you want, for example, 1993 Honda Gold Wing.

Miles Ridden according to your odometer: _____

Note: These will probably be changed by the verification team.

If you used a GPS (Global Positioning Device) and noted your Mileage, please enter that reading here:

NOTE: The following is used only for the people that do the certificates to make them more understandable. Answer the following questions to make your certificate reflect your ride.

Sample wording of a Titanic SS1000 Certificate (please keep this format in mind as you answer the following questions):

This is to certify that on the 12th April 2026, Joe Bloggs rode a Honda GL1800 Goldwing a total of 1,051 miles visiting the historic Titanic-related locations of the Titanic Experience, Cobh, Ireland, the Titanic Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland, the Albion Building, Liverpool, UK and the Engineers' Memorial, Southampton, UK, before finishing in Middlesborough, therefore completing the Titanic Saddlesore 1000.

Name of start Point _____

Intermediate Points: _____

Intermediate Points: _____

Intermediate Points: _____

Intermediate Points: _____

Intermediate Points: _____

Name of end Point: _____

Finally, you must certify that what you are telling us is accurate:

I (print name): _____, hereby certify that the Statements in this application for certification are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Then either scan and email the documents to:

ironbuttireland@gmail.com

Or post the package to:

IBA Ireland, 44 Finlaystown Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim BT44 8EA

Remember no payment is due at this stage.

Should you decide to tackle the Titanic SS1000, we wish you the best of luck and look forward to hearing about your ride!

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