

Suites and Cabins for Passengers on the *Titanic*

Passengers on the Titanic paid significantly different prices for different accommodations. The suites and cabins on the Titanic cost the passengers no small sum for the time. At approximately \$100,000 a pop in today's dollars, you can see why the world's richest and most elite sailed on the Titanic — only they could afford the parlor suites. For the immigrants who traveled in third class, the cost of a berth was no small sum either. The immigrants were poor, and raising that kind of money (approximately \$350 to \$900 in today's dollars) for passage to America was difficult in the early 1900s. This table shows the cost of accommodations in one of Titanic's suites or cabins.

Accommodation	Price	Approximate Price in Today's Dollars
First-class parlor suite	\$4,350	\$100,000
Berth in first-class cabin	\$150	\$3,500
Berth in second-class cabin	\$60	\$1,375
Berth in third-class cabin	\$15–\$40	\$350–\$900

***Titanic's* second-class cabins**

In second class, passengers slept in berths built into the walls of the cabins. At two to four berths per cabin, privacy was hard to come by, although a passenger could close the curtain around his or her berth. Each second-class cabin had a washbasin and a chamber pot to be used in case of seasickness. Second-class passengers used

communal bathrooms. This figure shows a drawing of the comfy, homelike atmosphere of a second-class cabin.



Third-class cabins

Third-class passengers slept on bunk beds in crowded quarters at six to a narrow cabin. Like second-class passengers, they shared bathrooms, but the number of people sharing a bathroom was much higher in third class: Only two bathtubs were available for all 710 third-class passengers, one for the men and one for the women.

In those days, many of the poor believed that frequent bathing could cause respiratory disease; therefore, most third-class passengers likely didn't lament the lack of bathtubs.