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# Family Vacation

**I**T TURNS OUT THAT those detailed genealogy reports from the likes of Ancestry or 23andMe are good for more than stalking your second cousins on the internet. TCS World Travel ([tcsworldtravel.com](http://tcsworldtravel.com)), a luxury travel concierge based in downtown Seattle, will take this information and plan a custom vacation to and through the lands of your ancestors as part of its new legacy journey offerings. Imagine taking a cooking class to re-create the food of your Russian relatives, reliving your grandparents' wedding day at a temple in Japan or visiting a Scottish castle that once belonged to your family.

"Everything we do is completely customized," says Anna Hawley, TCS's heritage concierge. Hawley



says TCS works with a genealogy consultancy, Heritage Consulting, to plan trips based on varying degrees of available family history. While those clients with relatives from countries impacted by war could find family records hard to trace, Hawley says just visiting a country that was once home

to their ancestors can provide a unique, experiential trip.

"When you are traveling to a place that your family has a connection, it's special," Hawley says. "We're getting to reconnect these families with their roots."

- SYDNEY GLADU AND ARIEL SHEARER



## What Lies Beneath

**A LOCAL EXPEDITION** company specializing in deep sea excursions is taking adventure seekers to new depths—12,800 feet beneath the Atlantic Ocean, to be exact. Everett-based OceanGate ([oceangate.com](http://oceangate.com)), known for creating *Titan*, the world's only five-person submersible capable of diving 4,000 meters, is preparing to launch a series of dives to the sunken remains of the *Titanic* this summer. For \$125,000, participants can traverse the ocean floor in the moving-van-size submarine's cabin and marvel at what remains of one of the world's

**DROP IN THE OCEAN**  
OceanGate's new *Titan* submersible is the first of its kind

most famous shipwrecks, out of the largest viewport of any deep-diving submersible.

OceanGate's expeditions are open to civilians with sizable travel budgets, with space for nine "mission specialists" on each of the six *Titanic* dives. Mission specialists assist with navigation, documentation and other integral aspects of the dive, and must meet minimum requirements to participate, which include basic mobility and ability to adapt to changing situations. This isn't a luxury cruise, explains OceanGate founder and CEO Stockton Rush, who says the hands-on experience is more rewarding than a traditional, passive tourist role. "You don't climb Everest thinking it's a day hike, and you don't go to the *Titanic* thinking you're going to a Four Seasons." - JORN PETERSON

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