



DID YOU KNOW?

- Over 15,000 people have abseiled the Spinnaker Tower since the opportunity first arose in 2011. The distance abseiled by all participants is more than the distance between the Earth and the International Space Station, and back!
- The concrete used to create the Tower would fill five and a half Olympic sized swimming pools.
- The Tower is founded on 84 piles, the longest of which runs 50m into the ground, the equivalent of Nelson's Column.
- Since the Tower opened, the two cafés have served approximately 500,040 slices of cake. That's enough to feed a blue whale for over two whole months!
- The 27m spire weighs 14 tonnes and was carefully lifted into place by crane.
- The bows are formed from 1200 tonnes of structural steel, which is the equivalent of 12 blue whales.
- Famous people to have lived in Portsmouth include, Charles Dickens, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- Portsmouth Football Club was established in 1898 by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who was also the goal keeper.
- Portsmouth was a small town up until the 1500s when Henry VIII built the world's earliest known dry dock in Portsmouth Dockyard.
- The hovercraft that connects the Isle of Wight to Portsmouth is Europe's only passenger hovercraft.
- The Mary Rose (displayed in The Mary Rose Museum) is the only surviving 16th century warship on display anywhere in the world. Its home can be seen from the View Decks.
- In high winds, the Tower can 'sway' up to 15cm.
- The design was chosen by the people of Portsmouth.

- The Tower has views of up to 23 miles on a clear day.
- The Spinnaker Tower is visible from an aircraft flying at 30,000 feet.
- The Tower contains enough steel to stretch twice around the Isle of Wight.
- Our internal lift travels at 4 metres per second and takes 28 seconds to get you to View Deck 1.
- There are 50 external lights that can illuminate the Tower a range of colours. Plus 7 aircraft warning lights.
- Our Glass Sky Walk is made from 3 panes of glass on top of each other and is only 60mm thick. It can hold the total weight of 288 stone or 2 black rhinos!
- The Spinnaker Tower is 170 metres tall which is taller than the London Eye and Blackpool Tower.
- Since the Tower opened, the lift has taken visitors up and down approximately 800,000 times.
- Approximately 168,000 glasses of bubbly have been served during evening events.
- There are 586 steps from base to the top of Spinnaker Tower.
- Spinnaker Tower has had over 3 million visitors since opening in 2005.