



Did you know?

- Over 3000 people have abseiled the Emirates Spinnaker Tower on public abseiling days since the opportunity first arose in 2011. The distance abseiled is further than the distance between the earth and the International Space Station!
- 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.
- In the last ten years, the two cafés at the Tower have served approximately 382,720 slices of cake. That's enough calories to feed a blue whale for 2 whole months!
- The 27m spire weighs 14 tones and was carefully lifted into place by crane
- The bows are formed from 1200 tones of structural steel, which is the equivalent weight of 12 blue whales
- Famous people to have lived in Portsmouth these 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 goalkeeper.
- Portsmouth was a small town up until the 1500's when Henry VIII built the world's earliest know 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 Portsmouth Historic Dockyard) is the only surviving 16th century warship on display anywhere in the world. It's home can be seen from the View Decks.

This information is correct as of Oct 2015



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- In high winds, the Tower can 'sway' up to 15cm.
- The design was chosen by the people of Portsmouth.
- The Emirates Spinnaker Tower has views of up to 23 miles on a clear day.
- The Emirates 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 can illuminate the Tower any colour, plus 7 aircraft warning lights!
- Our Sky Walk Glass floor is made from 3 panes of glass on top of each other and is only 60 mm thick. It can hold a total weight of 288 stone. That means 2 black rhinos could cross the glass floor at the same time without it breaking!
- The Emirates Spinnaker Tower is 170 metres tall which is taller than the London Eye and Blackpool Tower.
- Since the Tower opened, the internal lift has taken visitors up and down 418,480 times.
- Approximately 50,000 glasses of bubbly have been served at Emirates Spinnaker Tower during evening events. This is equivalent to 2.5 Olympic-sized swimming pools being filled to the brim with bubbly!
- There are 560 stairs to the top of Emirates Spinnaker Tower. If every visitor had climbed the stairs, 1.72 billion stairs would have been conquered. That's equivalent to climbing Mount Everest over 30,000 times!!