

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 bows are formed from **1200 TONNES** of structural steel, which is the equivalent of **12 BLUE WHALES**.

The Tower has views of up to 23 miles on a clear day.

There are **587 STEPS** from the base to the Sky Garden at the top of the Spinnaker Tower.

The Spinnaker Tower is **170 METRES TALL** which is taller than the London Eye and Blackpool Tower.

Portsmouth was a small town up until the 1500s when Henry VIII built the world's earliest known dry dock in Portsmouth Dockyard.

In high winds, the Tower can 'sway' up to 150mm.

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.

The design was chosen by the **PEOPLE OF PORTSMOUTH**.

The Spinnaker Tower has had over **3 MILLION VISITORS** since opening in 2005.

The 27m spire weighs 14 tonnes and was carefully lifted into place by crane.