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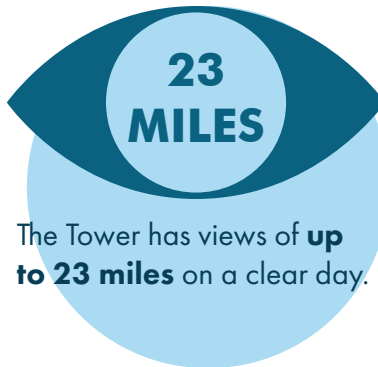
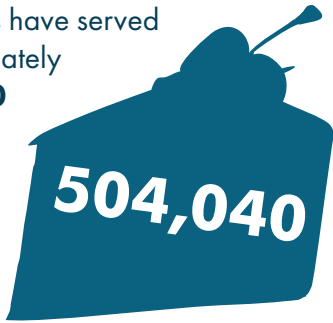
Over **15,000** people have abseiled the Spinnaker Tower since the opportunity first arose in 2011 - which is more than the distance between the Earth and the International Space Station, and back!

The **CONCRETE** used to create the Tower would fill **five and a half Olympic sized swimming pools.**

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

**1,200
TONNES**

Since the Tower opened, the two cafés have served approximately **500,040 slices of cake.**



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

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

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

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



The Tower contains enough steel to **stretch twice around the Isle of Wight.**



The spinnaker tower is visible from an aircraft flying at **30,000 feet.**



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 tower is founded on 84 piles, the longest of which runs **50m into the ground**, the equivalent of Nelson's Column.

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

