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Park life

Ho Chi Minh City will soon be home to the ambitious Central Park, a sprawling recreational space featuring an underground mall and the city's first metro station



16 hectares

The size of the park. It was once a 19th-century railway station in District 1. Pedestrian walkways will reference railway tracks and there will also be outdoor art galleries, performance pavilions and sports zones.

30 degrees

The angle at which the park's artificial "solar trees" will be tilted to optimise electricity generation via photovoltaic cells. There will also be "water purification trees" to recycle rainwater.



2025

Projected opening date for the park. Construction on the project, headed up by international architecture practice LAVA in partnership with ASPECT Studios, will begin next year.

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Three other Central Parks around the network



Central Park, New York
Undoubtedly the world's most iconic Central Park, this behemoth 340ha green lung in Manhattan features a wealth of attractions, including a carousel, a zoo and even a castle.



Central Park, Sydney
This mixed-use development is among the largest urban renewal projects in Sydney. Once home to a brewery, the site now features a 117m residential tower, a 6,400m² park, a mall and more.



Central Park, Dubai
Dubai might soon have its own Central Park too – in this case, a residential neighbourhood that's built around 40,000m² of green space. Facilities will include tennis courts, swimming pools and cafés.

963,000

Number of visitors to Australia who participated in at least one Indigenous tourism activity in 2017 – up 9% from 2013*. Here are three activities you can try.



Perth

Sample bush tucker from Maalinup at Yagan Square Market Hall.



Melbourne

Visit the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum.



Sydney

Join an Aboriginal Blue Mountains Walkabout tour.



> US\$1.3 MILLION

The amount that Southern Smoke, an annual culinary fundraiser in Houston, has donated to charitable causes. This year's edition (6 October) will see 26 top chefs cooking up a storm, including founder of Los Angeles steakhouse APL Restaurant, Adam Perry Lang.



78,985 TONNES

Amount of unwanted consumer electronics collected from across Japan to create medals for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Gold, silver and bronze was extracted from the devices to create around 5,000 medals.