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A clear sight

The highly anticipated Shibuya Scramble Square, a multi-purpose complex, opened its east wing last November, complete with a 360-degree observation deck called Shibuya Sky. Here's what's on offer at Tokyo's newest skyscraper

18

Number of light beams that illuminate the sky during Crossing Light, the complex's daily light show, which takes place every evening after sunset.

213

Number of businesses housed within. These range from brands such as Nike to specialty offerings such as an outpost of revered crafts purveyor Nakagawa Masashichi.



**16
MILLION**

Total number of artefacts in the collection at Seattle's Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, which reopened in October 2019, including everything from whale fossils to an elaborately carved canoe.

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3 Number of zones that make up the Shibuya Sky experience. Visitors enter via the Sky Gate, a futuristic elevator; the 46th floor is an indoor observatory; and one level above is the Sky Stage, a rooftop observation deck.

229m Height of Sky Stage, the highest viewpoint in Shibuya. From here, visitors can glimpse the famed Shibuya Crossing below and, on a clear day, Mount Fuji.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Some of the highest observation decks around



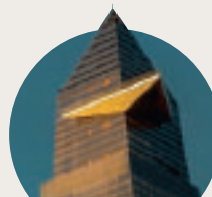
562m

The Top of Shanghai observatory at **Shanghai Tower** holds the Guinness World Record for being the tallest observation deck.



555m

Less than 7m lower than the Top of Shanghai, the **Burj Khalifa SKY in Dubai** features a premium lounge and an outdoor terrace.



345m

Opening in March, Edge on the 100th floor of **30 Hudson Yards in New York** will become the tallest in the Western Hemisphere.



PLEASE DON'T STOP THE MUSIC

A quick history lesson before the 62nd Grammy Awards (26 January)

1959

The very first ceremony is held in two locations – in Beverly Hills and New York City – with 28 prizes given out in total.



1971

The awards are televised live for the first time, with ABC buying the rights to the telecast.



1975

Aretha Franklin wins Best Female R&B Vocal Performance for the eighth consecutive year, a record to date.



1997

At 14, LeAnn Rimes wins Best New Artist and Best Female Country Vocal Performance – the youngest individual winner ever.



2020

Links to streaming services such as Spotify can be submitted over CDs – a mark of the changing music industry.



UP AND COMING

Some of 2020's top destinations from year-on-year growth in bookings, according to Airbnb

- **Buriram, Thailand – 383% increase** (nearest SIA destination: Bangkok)
- **Sunbury, Australia – 356% increase** (nearest SIA destination: Melbourne)
- **Eugene, United States – 213% increase** (nearest SIA destination: Seattle)
- **Kerala, India – 95% increase** (nearest SIA destination: Kochi)
- **Maastricht, Netherlands – 55% increase** (nearest SIA destination: Düsseldorf)