

John Hancock Observatory – Real-life Trivia

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North America's Fastest Elevators

Omelet King Howard Helmer – the world's fastest omelet chef – whips up his quickest dish in 40 seconds. With the nation's fastest elevators, you'll arrive at the Observatory in 39 seconds while he's still cooking!

More Metal

At 5,000,000 pounds (2,268 metric tons) of aluminum, John Hancock Center boasts enough metal for 96 tour buses transporting the hardest rock bands!

More Steps

1632 steps from main lobby to the Observatory on level 94
You would have to go up or down our Michigan Avenue Plaza over 58 times for the equivalent walk.

More States

On a clear day, visitors can see 80 miles (129 kilometers) and four states – Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. That means from Chicago to:

- Rockford, IL
- Milwaukee, WI
- South Bend, IN
- Kalamazoo, MI (as the crow flies)

More Air

The Observatory has the only open-air viewing deck in Chicago. They say fast-talking politicians gave the city its nickname, but up here, you might think otherwise.

More Man-power

Forget the 40-hour work week – some five million man-hours were required to complete the Center's development. That's 20,833 days of around-the-clock work to complete the facility!



Less Birds

The hero of the movie “Iron Man” might be able to fly this high, but birds certainly can’t. They stop soaring at 500 feet (152 meters), so don’t expect to see one eye to eye.

Square Feet

At 17,371 square feet (1,614 square meters), nearly 3,745 square-dancers can dance circles around this sky-high icon.

