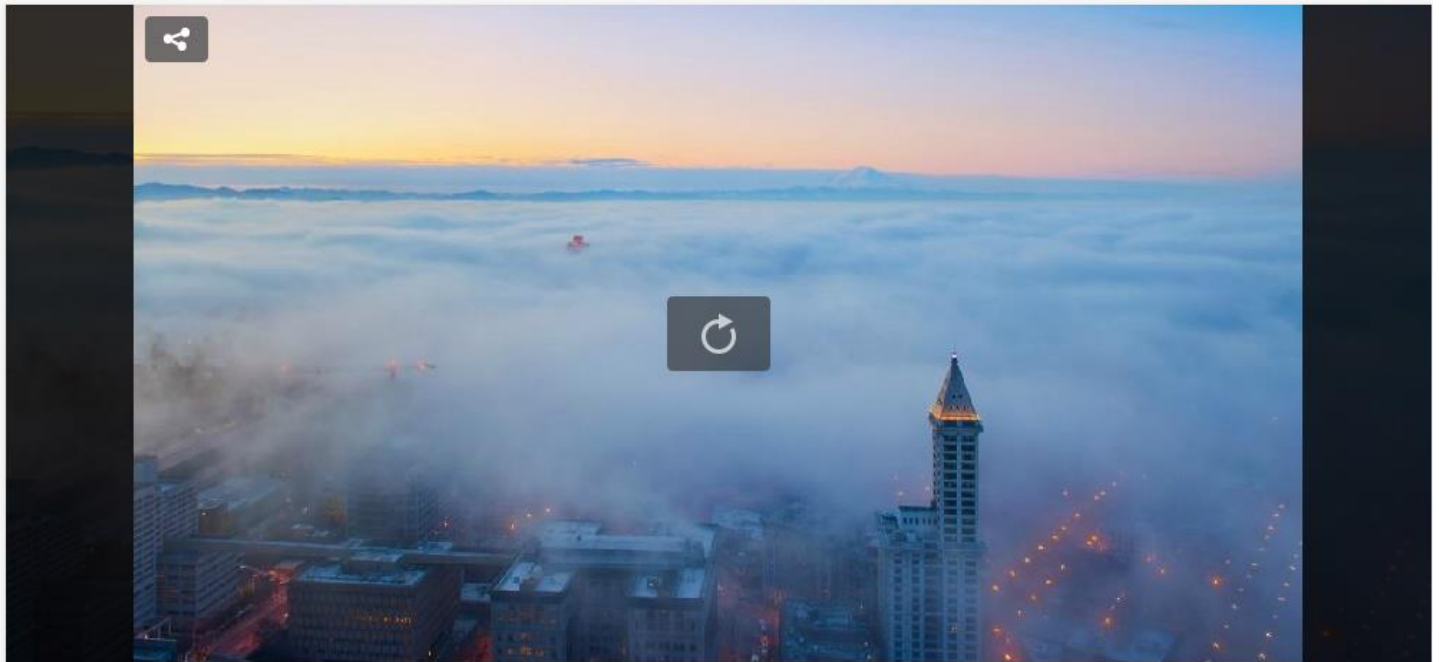


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## Seattle's original skyscraper will re-open to public August 2016

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**B**ig news for Seattleites and tourists alike! The Smith Tower, which was Seattle's first skyscraper as of 1914, is re-opening to the public in August 2016. At over 522 feet high, it's one of the tallest buildings in the world.

The Observation Deck and other public access parts of the building have been closed for renovation by [Unico Properties](#), the Seattle-based real estate investment company that purchased the Tower in early 2015. Their multimillion-dollar investment went towards renovating and preserving Smith Tower, and new their upgrades should be exciting for new and old Seattleites alike.

New features you can check out in August include:

- A curated general store on the ground floor with local items and gifts
- A renovated 35th floor observatory with a Prohibition-inspired cafe and bar
- Interactive tours and exhibits which will take visitors back in time to tell the story of the Smith Tower

We're getting chills just thinking about it! Even though Pike Place and the Space Needle get kudos for being Seattle' landmarks, the Smith Tower is truly an iconic (and perhaps underrated) cultural icon of city. We cannot wait until August, and you can bet your bottom dollar we'll be one of the first in line!

*\*Specific date in August TBD, but we'll keep you posted!*