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Smith Tower's Speakeasy-Inspired Bar Opens Today

A tongue-in-cheek bar named Temperance has booze aplenty.

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The view from the 35th floor.

Completed in 1914, the **Smith Tower** was once the tallest skyscraper in Seattle...now construction cranes are the tallest skyscrapers in Seattle. Still, the storied building has nonetheless remained an attraction for tourists and locals alike, and after being closed for renovations, the spruced up [Smith Tower](#) officially opens (again) today, **August 25**.

Doubling down on the nostalgia, the ground floor has a new-old general store, Smith Tower Provisions, outfitted with a marbled deli counter, soda fountain with Full Tilt ice cream, and gift shop full of locally made goods. Grab some coffee, a baguette filled with Olympia Provisions cured meats, or typewriter-themed souvenirs—a nod to typewriter magnate and building namesake Lyman Cornelius Smith.



Ride up a copper-and-brass elevator to the 35th floor observatory deck and newly revamped **Temperance Cafe and Bar** (née The Chinese Room). Imbibe Prohibition Era–inspired craft cocktails like the Rum Runner, made with rum, black tea, caramelized pineapple, and coconut, or The “Big Boy”, named for lieutenant-turned-bootlegger Roy Olmstead; it’s made with house bourbon, ginger beer, and Rainier cherry. To eat: freshly shucked oysters, salmon poke, and other Asian small bites and sandwiches.

As for the nitty gritty details, Smith Tower Provisions requires no admission, while a self-led tour and history lesson on the building’s early 1900s origins will cost \$19.14 for adults—we see what you did there. If you prefer the shortest route to booze (no judgement here) and to the observatory deck it’ll cost \$10.

See the Smith Tower website for more details. And [Eater Seattle](#) has the full cafe and bar menu.