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*I've never seen
anything like it.*

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Katie Warren

I can see why some people might not find the Vessel's exterior particularly attractive, but the inside blew me away.

The silhouette of the sculpture against the skyline is striking. It was a bit windy at the top, but because it was an unseasonably warm March day when I visited, I didn't mind. The Vessel is open regardless of rain or bad weather. Looking down from near the top, I couldn't decide whether I felt like I was standing inside the rib cage of some kind of giant robotic creature or in an alien spaceship.

The Vessel's designer, Thomas Heatherwick, called it "one of the most complex pieces of steelwork ever made."