

Aikwood Tower

Region: Scottish Borders **Sleeps: 10**

Overview

Aikwood Tower is different than most castles and country houses in Scotland. Its charm lies in its intimacy. Entering via the walled garden and west door, guests will see Aikwood Tower's endearing quirks of architecture and craftsmanship, as the Kerry-handed (left turning) spiral staircase lies before them.

The Great Hall, with a roaring fire and luxurious furnishings, provides a comfortable and informal atmosphere for guests to relax. Meal time conversations swirl around the vaulted ceiling of the dining room and kitchen. A small reading study with panelled ceiling offers tranquillity and a peaceful space to read.

A good night's rest is important, so all Aikwood Tower bedrooms have Duxiana beds, the most technologically advanced sleep system in the world. There are four double bedrooms in the main tower, with the Master Bedroom as the highlight, and a fifth in the extending byre.

The lower floor of the open-plan byre provides ample function space for small wedding receptions, business meetings, celebratory dinners and other activities. The upper floor is where modern-day conveniences can be found: TV, DVD player, and business facilities with relaxing lounge seating. Complimentary internet access is available throughout Aikwood Tower.

The southwest facing walled garden is a true delight. Whether soaking up the sun on the terrace, playing croquet on the lawn or picking apples from the orchards trees, the garden is a magical place to enjoy. It is also a secure environment for little ones to experience camping out under the stars.



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Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Quirky • **Recommended** • Heritage Collection •
Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet
• Pets Welcome • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ •
All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ideal for Parties • Stag/Hen Allowed • Satellite TV
• Games Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • DVD • Working
Fireplace • Heating • Conference Facilities • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) •
Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Stalking/Hunting •
Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist
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Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall with vaulted ceilings and original doors
- Hall with table tennis table and doors to garden
- Fully-equipped kitchen with AGA, microwave, two fridges and Nespresso machine
- Dining area with dining facilities for 10
- Spear room with a single bed
- Cloakroom



First Floor (accessed via spiral staircase)

- Gallery living room with fire place
- Living area with sofas and TV
- Reception room with laptop
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower

Second Floor (accessed via separate staircase)

- Bathroom with bathtub
- Bedroom with double bed and fire place

Third Floor (accessed via separate staircase)

- Small tea area with all facilities
- Shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower

Top Floor (accessed via separate staircase)

- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with bathtub

Exterior Grounds

- Enclosed southwest facing walled garden
- Terrace
- Dining facilities
- Croquet lawn
- Orchard
- Portable barbecue



Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- TV & DVD
- Ping pong table
- Selection of books
- Towels, bathrobes & slippers are provided for each guest
- Hairdryer in each bedroom
- Travel cot & highchair available on request basis at time of booking
- Plenty of parking

**Please ensure that you request whether you would like the bedrooms set up as twins or super-king doubles at time of booking to ensure that they are set up correctly for your arrival.*

**Two additional single beds with full linen are available for an additional charge of £55 per bed, per night raising capacity to 12. Please request at time of booking.*

Location & Local Information

Aikwood Tower is located 40 miles south of Edinburgh in the heart of the Ettrick Forest and offers some of the finest shooting and fishing in Scotland, among many other leisure activities.

Aikwood Tower is truly blessed by its location. With Shooting Times regularly listing the neighbouring Bowhill Estate pheasant shoot as one of the country's Top 10, and the River Tweed with its legendary salmon fishing flowing nearby, country sports enthusiasts will be in their element.

The rolling hills and woodland trails of the Ettrick and Yarrow valleys are perfect for walking, mountain biking or horse riding, and their rivers are ideal for kayaking. Maps and suggested trails are available to help guests navigate around the countryside, as are local guides who can point out the rich diversity of flora, fauna and wildlife, including the majestic ospreys that have recently returned to the region.

Just 30 minutes away is the mountain biking Mecca of Glentress Forest, the UK's leading mountain biking centre with its wide variety of trails and challenging downhill runs.

The fantastic championship golf courses of Roxburghe, a woodland course, and Cardrona, a woodland/parkland course, are both nearby. Tennis courts are just a 5 minute drive away as well.

If guests want a personal yoga session or soothing massage to ease away the day's exertions, local practitioners are available to come to Aikwood Tower and can be arranged if required.

Rich and varied in its history and culture, the Scottish borders have much to explore, from Melrose Abbey to Samye Ling Bhuddist temple and the local towns' summer common festivities, from riding to rugby tournaments. With Edinburgh just an hour drive away, a large array of city delights is within easy striking distance.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Edinburgh (36-40 km)
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Nearest Ferry Port	Leith (51-60 km)
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Nearest Village	Ettrickbridge (3 km)
Nearest Town/City	Selkirk (5 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Selkirk (5 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Ettrickbridge (3 km)
Nearest Beach	Scremerston (71-80 km)
Nearest Golf	Selkirk (5 km)

What Oliver loves...

- This is a 500 year old castle set within beautiful countryside
- The castle is a unique blend of ancient and modern
- You can be assured blissful peace!

What you should know...

- Those with limited mobility should be aware that there are 62 steps to the top floor bedroom

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £500 due prior to arrival and to be refunded in full subject to a damage inspection on departure
- Arrival time: 4pm
- Departure time: 10am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in rental price
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Changeover day: Any except Saturday & Sunday
- Minimum stay: Please note that there is a 2-night minimum stay, this may be increased at peak times
- Pets welcome?: Two well behaved dogs are allowed on a request basis for an additional charge of £20 per dog, per stay.
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Other Ts and Cs: Two additional single beds with full linen are available for an additional charge of £55 per bed, per night. Please request at time of booking.