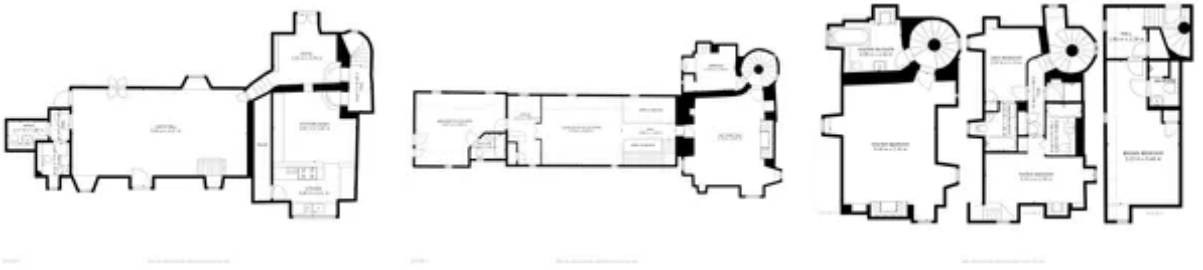
Barons Tower

Region: Scottish Borders **Sleeps:** 10

Overview





Wildly romantic, blissfully rural, perfectly tranquil and stunningly beautiful, Barons Tower offers the most magical holiday experience. Rich in history, charm and decor, the castle is a Grade A-listed traditional Border Peel Tower located in the Scottish Borders and surrounded by rolling hills, woodland trails and the stunning rivers of the Ettrick and Yarrow Valleys. The pretty village of Ettrickbridge is 3 km away, Selkirk 5 km away and the mighty City of Edinburgh is an hour's drive north. Barons Tower sleeps ten guests in luxurious comfort and offers dreamy reception spaces and a beautiful garden. The tower has been brilliantly and sensitively restored in sumptuous contemporary style whilst retaining its fabulous character. Barons Tower offers a gorgeous, historic setting for romance, laughter, adventure and relaxation. The tower is a perfect setting for a wedding, special event or family or friends get together.

Surrounding this hidden Scottish gem is a stunning landscape of rolling hills perfect for walking, cycling, fishing, shooting and horse riding. The list of activities and excursions is endless. The Borders is a beautiful area sprinkled with castles, towers, magnificent stately homes and ancient ruins. It is steeped in mystery, stories and sorcery. Its folklore and tales of magic have inspired writers such as Sir Walter Scott and John Buchan. Guests staying at the tower can follow in the writer's footsteps soaking up these dreamy landscapes and pondering on their beauty. The traditional weaving and textile towns of Hawick, Galashiels and Selkirk are on the doorstep waiting to be explored and a stay at the tower cannot be complete without a day trip into Edinburgh.

Barons Tower brilliantly combines its five star, luxury offerings and boutique feel with its ancient charms. It boasts five gorgeous bedroom suites, a Great Hall, a

superb games room, a fabulous Aga heated kitchen, a dining room, study and upper living room. In addition, the attached Laich Hall is perfect for special events including weddings. You enter through the west door, passing the beautiful walled garden, to a tower full of endearing, captivating quirks of architecture and craftsmanship. A glorious Kerry-handed spiral staircase leads you to the numerous enchanting rooms that are perfect for relaxing and entertaining. You will enjoy the huge roaring fire in the Great Hall on chilly autumn or winter evenings, curled up on sumptuous velvet sofas and chairs. The games room with its table tennis table and games is fabulous, the perfect spot for spending fun, quality time with family and friends. The open plan kitchen and dining room is a warm, inviting, characterful space where you can enjoy hearty Scottish breakfasts and perhaps a wee dram or two. The arched ceiling is spectacular adding atmosphere to this wonderful space. It is a perfect setting for a special meal by candlelight. The upper living space is a modern wonder with a gorgeous beamed ceiling, trendy chairs and a sofa, a large television and shelves full of books.

The five bedrooms enjoy names after the Scott family clan who have owned Barons Tower for five hundred years and with a direct link to the tower. They are named Buccleuch, Sir Walter Scott, Steel, Wizard and Harden. They are brilliantly finished with exceptional taste and luxury, offering Duxiana beds, the 'most technologically advance sleep system in the world'. Each of the beds is beautifully adorned in crisp cottons and gorgeous fabrics, perfect for lazy lie-ins and indulgence. For sure, you will enjoy the sleep of kings. Each bedroom come with an immaculate, stylish ensuite bathroom together with fluffy towels, bathrobes and quality Arran Aromatics toiletries. The bathrooms offer a mix of showers and roll top baths, all are beautifully tiled and ooze luxurious appeal.

Barons Tower's south west facing walled garden is beautiful. You can soak up the sun enjoy a glass of your favourite tipple on the terrace, play croquet or other games on the lawn or pick apples in the orchard. The garden is dreamy and so relaxing.

Barons Tower hosts up to fifteen weddings a year, each

with up to sixty guests. It would be hard to find a more intimate, exclusive, special place to get married. The tower's first registered marriage was in 1602. Today, Barons Tower is available on an exclusive hire basis for religious, humanist or civil weddings. The building's character, natural stonework, picturesque walled gardens and orchard make for a perfect setting.

The first mention of Barons was in 1455 when it was leased from King James III to Lord Home. In 1517, the grounds of Barons were granted to the Scott family during the reign of King James V and it has been owned within the Scott clan ever since. From the mid eighteenth century, the tower was abandoned as a home and the farm was let out. The tower was used for agricultural storage. In 1988, the ninth Duke of Nuccleuch made David Steel's, now Lord Steel of Aikwood, dream come true to restore the tower as a home. With his Scott blood, the long clan tradition continues. It was restored with the help of local Selkirk craftsmen, winning no less than five architectural awards including the prestigious Europa Nostra. During its time, there have been many wonderful stories and legends involving the tower with Sir William Scott, Sir Walter Scott and Michael Scott, the Border Wizard all featured. The Scottish Borders were the scene of some of the most dramatic history in Scotland with wars during the late Middle Ages between Scotland and England.

Barons Tower is blessed by its location. Guests are enthralled by its beauty, its luxurious touches and its surrounding area of outstanding scenic landscapes brimming with valleys, forests, lochs and rivers and stretching from the rugged east coast to rural Dumfriesshire and the historic City of Edinburgh.

Facilities

Ideal for Parties • Ideal for Kids • Weddings • Walking/Hiking Paths • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Golf Nearby • Chateaux & Castles • Fishing • Recommended • Stag/Hen Allowed • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Quirky (Unique) • Licensed for Marriage • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • Pets on Request • Outdoor Ceremony • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Flexible Catering Options • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Games Room • Indoor Games • DVD • AGA •

Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Heating • Conference Facilities • Board games • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Tennis rackets • High Chair(s)

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
- Cloakroom

First Floor (accessed via spiral staircase)
- Gallery living room with fire place
- Living area with sofas and TV
- Reception room
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with combined bath and 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 facilites
- Shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with combined bath and shower
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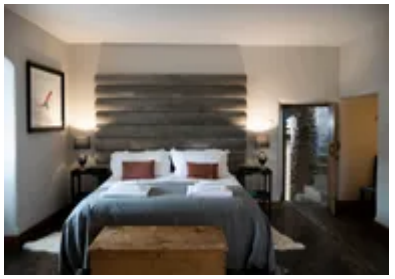
Top Floor (accessed via separate staircase)
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with bathtub

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

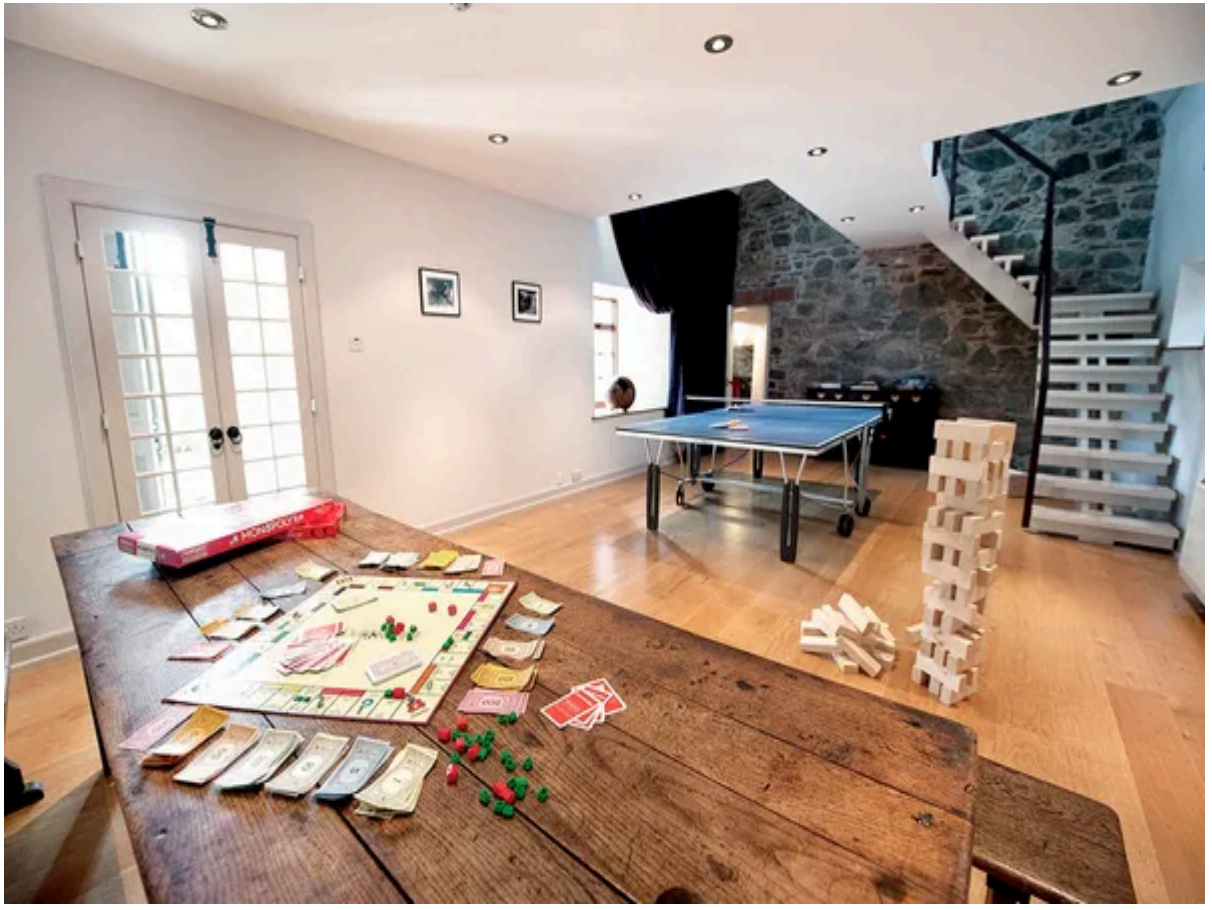
Additional Facilities
- Wi-Fi connection
- TV & DVD
- Ping pong table
- Selection of books
- Towels, bathrobes are provided for each guest
- Hairdryer in each bedroom
- Travel cot & highchair available on request basis at time of booking
- Plenty of parking

**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.*









Location & Local Information

Barons Tower enjoys a fabulous location in the Scottish Borders. It lies just less than 3 km from Ettrickbridge and 5 km from Selkirk which lies on the Ettrick Water, a tributary of the River Tweed. The people of the town are known as Souters, which means cobblers. The area surrounding the tower offers excellent walking, cycling, shooting, fishing and horse riding so guests that enjoy the outdoor life will have a ball. The Shooting Times regularly lists the neighbouring Bowhill Estate pheasant shoot as one of the country's Top 10. The River Tweed offers legendary salmon fishing nearby.

The area is also perfect for those that love cultural activities. There are magnificent stately homes, romantic abbey ruins and many castles and towers to discover, all with a fascinating history. Some of the most popular spots are the ruined abbeys of Dryburgh, Jedburgh, Melrose and Kelso. The castles include Thirlestane and Floors and the stately homes that should not be missed include Traquair, Abbotsford, Bowhill and Paxton. There are also some stunning, colourful parks and gardens such as Kailzie, Priorwood and Dawyck.

The area boasts a rich literacy history with the borders inspiring the likes of Sir Walter Scott, James Hogg and John Buchan. The Borders Book Festival is one of Scotland's most prestigious literary events attracting poets, authors, musicians and comedians from all over the globe.

The Borders are home to many of Scotland's historic textile towns such as Hawick, Galashiels and Selkirk. They have produced some of the world's finest tartans, cashmere and tweeds in all shades. World renowned names including Pringle, Belinda Robertson, Lochcarron and Lyle and Scott were born in the Borders. Visitors can tour the mills and buy souvenirs to take home.

Tours of breweries and distilleries have become increasingly popular. Beer was first brewed in the Borders at Traquair House in the sixteenth century when Mary









Queen of Scots visited. The Born in the Borders Brewery is an award-winning microbrewery with tours and special events. Kelso is home to Rutherford's Micropub and the Tempest Brewery in Tweedbank is equally popular. Lilliard Gin is a local gin, handcrafted using ingredients foraged in the Scottish Borders. Whisky also flows steadily at the Borders Distillery.

The captivating City of Edinburgh enjoys a wealth of top attractions for the whole family, excellent shopping opportunities and sensational fine dining. With a stunning backdrop of the dramatic Arthur's Seat, the Pentland Hills and Edinburgh's waterfront, this ever popular city is a remarkable place to visit. In just a few days you can take a cruise on the River Forth, explore the ancient castle, visit the zoo, wander around the National Museum of Scotland and the Scottish National Gallery, climb aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia, shop until you drop, wander through the cosmopolitan streets of the Port of Leith, listen to bagpipes and dine until you burst. The Edinburgh Festival which takes place in August is the world's leading arts, culture and comedy festival. At the top of the Royal Mile on the top of Castle Rock, you can enjoy Edinburgh Castle, the number one visitor attraction in Scotland and the most iconic building in the city. It looks even more impressive at night with clever lighting so you should bag a table in one of the rooftop restaurants such as the Thai Chaophraya, asking for a table in the glass box. Perched on the top of an extinct volcano, the castle and its esplanade offers astonishing views of Edinburgh. Inside, you can visit St Margaret's Chapel, The National War Memorial and the Half Moon Battery. The regal Crown Square is home to the Grand Hall and Scotland's crown jewels. Visitors discover Edinburgh's grisly history at The Edinburgh Dungeon, coming face to face with Scotland's ravenous cannibals and infamous killer duo Burke and Hare. There are plenty of ghost walks and lots of light-hearted fun with immersive, actor-led shows and state-of-the-art special effects. Edinburgh is especially popular during the August Festival and at Christmas and New Year. Edinburgh is also home to three excellent galleries, The National Gallery on the Mound, the Portrait Gallery on Queen Street and the Gallery of Modern Art. The Scottish National Gallery boasts some of the world's finest art by the likes of

Rembrandt, Monet and Raphael. The Scott Monument is the largest monument to a writer in the world, celebrating the Scottish novelist Sir Walter Scott. It was built in the 19th century and is one of the most striking landmarks on the Edinburgh city skyline. Visitors can climb the 287 steps to enjoy far reaching views of the city and surrounding countryside. The Holyrood Palace is The Queen's official residence in Scotland. Some areas of the Palace are open to the public including the State Apartments, the Throne Room and the Morning Drawing Room. Away from the galleries, museums and shops, the Royal Botanic Gardens are located in Stockbridge, a very attractive area 20 minutes walk from the city centre. You will discover a beautiful collection of more than 100,000 plants and 70 acres of stunning green space. The Royal Yacht Britannia was Her Majesty The Queen's floating palace for over 40 years and is one of the city's best attractions. You can enjoy a complimentary audio tour and follow in the footsteps of royalty exploring this wonderful yacht that is permanently moored beside Ocean Terminal.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Edinburgh (80 km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Ettrickbridge (3 km)**
Nearest Beach	**Scremerston (75 km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Leith (70 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Selkirk (5 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Selkirk (5 km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Selkirk (5 km)**
Nearest Village	**Ettrickbridge (3 km)**

What we love

- Barons Tower has been sensationally restored, winning multiple awards and offering the most luxurious, most characterful place to stay
- The tower's incredible 500 year history is totally fascinating. During your stay you can learn about the tower, the Scottish Borders, the wars, the poetry and visit numerous stately homes, castles and museums
- The tower's location is sublime, stunning, picturesque and blissfully tranquil
- The City of Edinburgh is only an hour away with its gastronomic restaurants, cool cocktail bars, gorgeous cafes, charming narrow streets, delightful shops, a huge array of entertainment and frequent sounds of bagpipes

What you should know...

- Guests with mobility issues will find the stairs very difficult. There are 62 steps to the top bedroom!
- The tower is available for up to 15 weddings each year and is perfect for other special celebrations. You will enjoy such a memorable stay in this fabulous building and its gardens

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 due prior to arrival and to be refunded in full subject to a damage inspection on departure

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 pm

- **Departure time:** 10.00 am

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in rental price

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in rental price

- **Pets welcome?:** A maximum of 3 well behaved dogs are allowed on a request basis for an additional charge of £25 per dog, per stay

- **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

- **Changeover day:** Any except Saturday & Sunday

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Smoking & Vaping are not permitted

- **Minimum stay:** Please note that there is a 2-night minimum stay, this may be increased at peak times

- **EPC Rating:** E