



HOPE SCOTT WING

Luxury accommodation at Abbotsford



*'My heart clings to the
place I have created'*

Sir Walter Scott



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AT HOME WITH SIR WALTER SCOTT

Abbotsford, the home that Sir Walter Scott built in his beloved Scottish Borders in the early 19th century, is the enduring legacy of one of the world's greatest writers. On the banks of the River Tweed, his Scottish Baronial creation lies at the heart of the stunning landscape which inspired the poetry and novels that introduced Scott – and Scotland – to the world.

Abbotsford's Hope Scott Wing, is designed to welcome groups of 15 and offers a unique opportunity to experience the splendour of the surroundings that proved such an inspiration to Scott throughout his long and illustrious career.

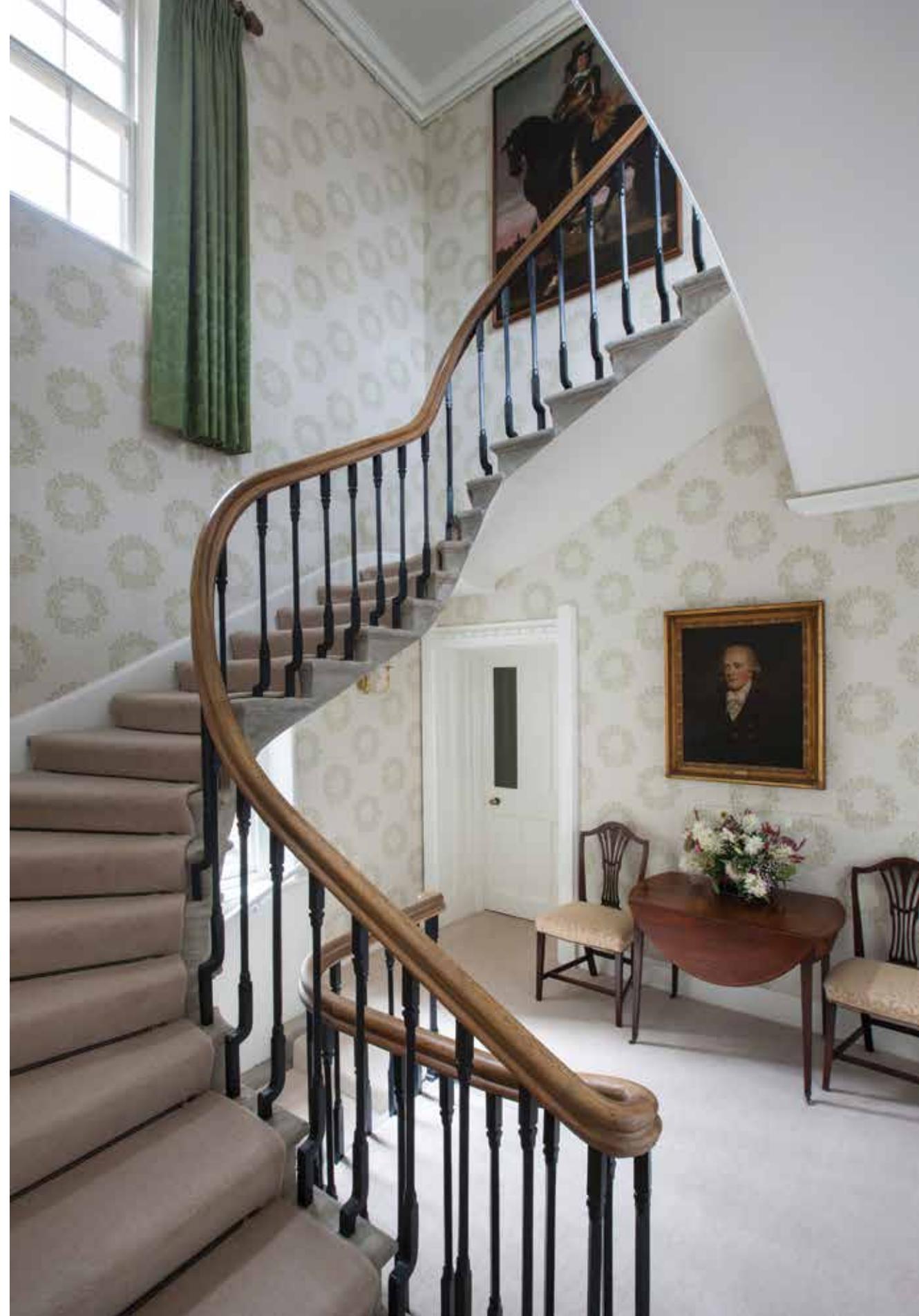
The Hope Scott Wing has undergone a complete refurbishment, retaining the intimacy and integrity of what was the private home of Scott, his grand-daughter Charlotte Hope Scott and her descendants, while introducing all the essentials of modern-day comfort. Our aim is to offer visitors a real sense of what it would have felt like to be a valued guest in Scott's own home.

In choosing Abbotsford, you will be following in the venerable footsteps of others who have made the pilgrimage to this jewel in Scotland's crown, among them Queen Victoria, Charles Dickens, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, President Ulysses S. Grant and J.M.W. Turner.

There are a range of bespoke itineraries on offer, including banqueting opportunities for you and your guests in Scott's magnificent dining room, hunting, shooting and fishing in the area, golf, spa treatments and even a personal chef and butler service.

At Abbotsford Scott created "a palace of his imagination" – now let us help you create the perfect stay in the romantic castle that Scott imagined.

'This romance in stone and mortar'



A JEWEL IN SCOTLAND'S CROWN

Scott poured his considerable creative energies into designing and building Abbotsford. The Hope Scott Wing, extended by Charlotte Hope Scott, remains faithful to the vision of what he called his "conundrum castle". Scott's vision so impressed Queen Victoria that she chose to model her own home in Scotland, Balmoral Castle, on Abbotsford's Scottish Baronial style.

The Hope Scott Wing was a family home, created to protect the Hope Scotts' privacy after Scott's historic rooms were opened to the public. Because of this, each of its seven luxury bedrooms are one of a kind, individually styled and named after family members and other distinguished guests who stayed here, including Queen Elizabeth II's aunt, Princess Alice, who was a regular visitor:

The public rooms include a sumptuous sitting room – originally the withdrawing room of Scott's wife, Charlotte – a formal dining room featuring one of Scott's most treasured views over the Tweed, a reading room and a billiard room. There is also a spacious, interior-designed kitchen with plenty of room for informal dining, a private courtyard and a private patio garden.

As part of the refurbishment, many of the original features have been retained, as well as some of the family's belongings, including original artworks and furniture, creating a unique combination of the personal and the historical in this intimate country retreat.

Sleeping 15, the Hope Scott Wing is an ideal gathering place for families, groups of friends or colleagues celebrating a special occasion. It is also the perfect destination for those simply looking to escape to the Scottish Borders in style.

'It is a kind of Conundrum Castle to be sure'



REST, RELAX, CELEBRATE, EXPLORE

Wherever your interests lie – in writing, history, architecture, culture, romance, the great outdoors or rest and relaxation – you will find them amply represented here at the heart of “Scott Country”. Your wish is our command and your itinerary can be tailor-made to suit every occasion.

Our experienced staff will be delighted to help you plan that special celebration, be it a function in the stunning historic apartments, a marquee set in the formal gardens or a wedding ceremony in the intimate family chapel.

Those wishing to explore Scott Country further can choose from a range of outdoor pursuits, such as walking, fishing, shooting and golf. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the rich heritage and turbulent history of the Scottish Borders on an escorted tour with a dedicated guide.

Private dining with the services of a chef and butler are also available within the Hope Scott Wing, and for a really special experience, why not sit down to dinner at the majestic oak table in Scott’s private dining room? This exquisite space overlooking the Tweed was, during Scott’s lifetime, one of Scotland’s most celebrated tables, entertaining the likes of William Wordsworth, the American writer Washington Irving and Prince Leopold, later King of Belgium.

It was one of Scott’s favourite rooms and to dine here, surrounded by atmospheric portraits of his immediate family, is truly to sit down with history.

Our goal is to make your stay in the Hope Scott Wing everything you want it to be – all you have to do is ask.

‘Baronial towers and aristocratical distinction’





“A MUSEUM FOR LIVING IN”

This is how Sir Walter Scott famously described what he created at Abbotsford. In addition to exclusive use of the Hope Scott Wing during your stay, you will also benefit from entry alongside the public to his extraordinary historical legacy.

For not only was Scott a pioneer in poetry and the historical novel, but he was also an avid antiquarian and collector. Abbotsford was a blank canvas for Scott's imagination and he designed each interior space with his eclectic collection of objects in mind. These range from historic relics, weapons and armour – among them the gun, dagger and sword of the Scottish folk hero Rob Roy MacGregor – to contemporary objects from the field of the Battle of Waterloo, gifts from King George IV and an extensive library of over 9,000 rare volumes.

Whilst staying in the Hope Scott Wing, take the time to visit the historic rooms and experience for yourself Scott's magnificent collections in situ in the entrance hall, armoury and ante room, dining room, drawing room, library and study. The letters, photographic plates and artefacts of Scott's descendants – one of whom was Lady in Waiting to Princess Alice of Gloucester – are also on display in the Hope Scott Wing.

The Hope Scotts were friends of the famous 19th-century clergyman Cardinal Newman, recently beatified by Pope Benedict XVI, and in the Chapel you can see the exquisite vestments worn by Newman while celebrating mass at Abbotsford.

There is also a visitor centre and learning suite helping to interpret the Scott legacy, as well as a shop and restaurant. Note that private guided visits to the house can be arranged for you and your guests.

Abbotsford is the Waverley novels in stone!





WELCOME TO SCOTT COUNTRY

Weddings and other family celebrations • Anniversaries and special occasions
Celebratory banquets • Outdoor pursuits • Academic and literary gatherings
Company team-building weekends

ACCOMMODATION

Seven individually styled luxury bedrooms • (incl. one which is fully accessible)
Six private bathrooms – one shared Jack and Jill style
Formal dining room with views over the River Tweed
Breakfast room • Fully equipped kitchen • TV, DVD, WIFI internet access
Drawing room • library • Upstairs sitting room • Billiard room
Private courtyard • Private patio garden • Laundry facilities
Drying room complete with the house's original "thunder box" WC
Fishing rod, cycle and golf trolley storage • Private parking
Dogs welcomed in the basement areas only

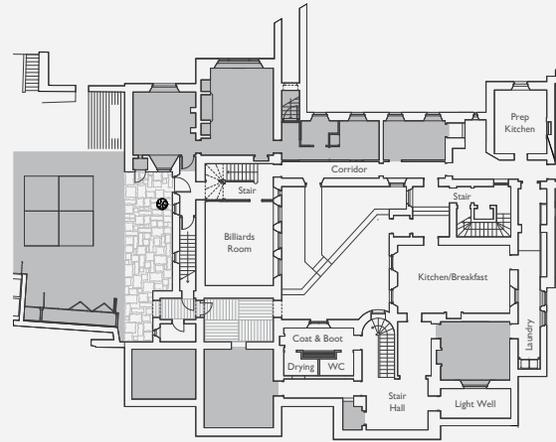
OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Private use of Sir Walter Scott's dining room seating up to 22 guests
Outdoor pursuits – walking, fishing, shooting, golf
Personal chef and butler service • Marquee lawns • Catering packages
Expert speakers • Private guided tours of Abbotsford • Spa treatments
Wedding Co-ordinator • Ceremony locations within the historic rooms and chapel
Learning and research facilities • Conference and seminar facilities
Access to Abbotsford's collections • Function room

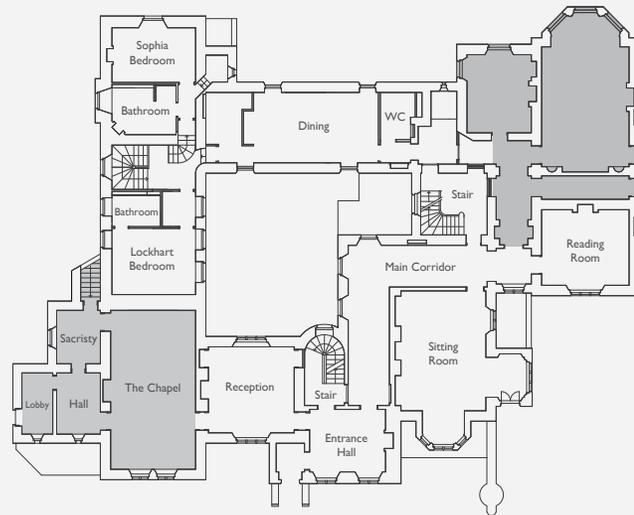
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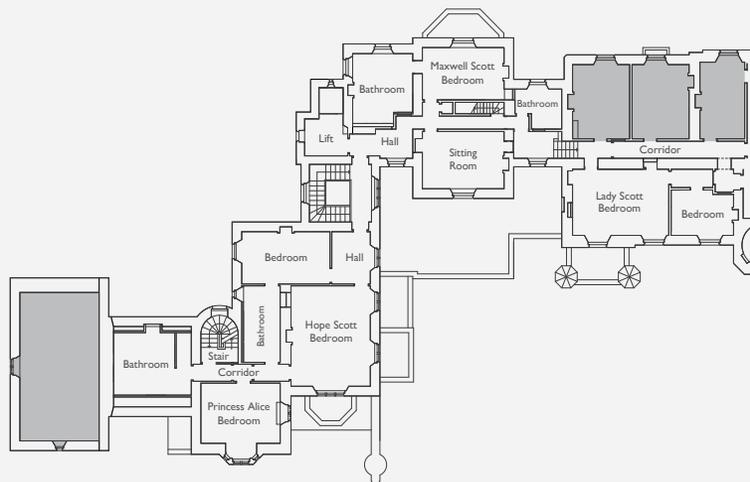
BASEMENT LEVEL



GROUND LEVEL



FIRST LEVEL



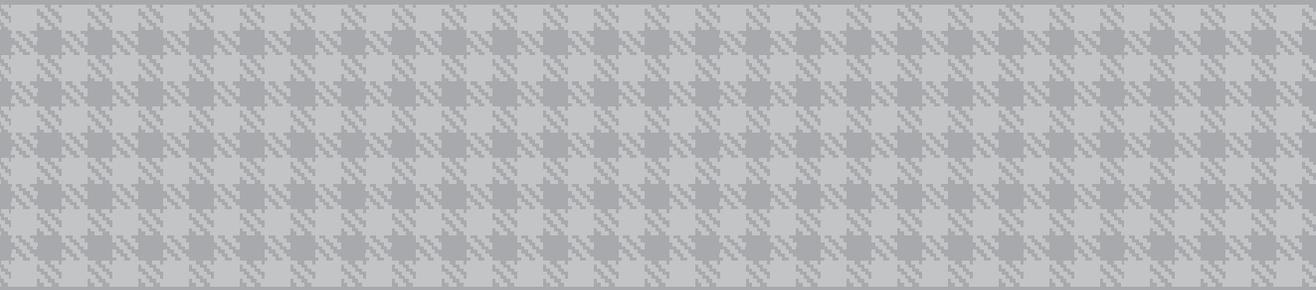
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