



Towering Glory

Set on a hill, overlooking town, sea and river, the Observatory Tower occupies the highest point in Falmouth. It was built in 1868 as a meteorological observatory, where people could watch and identify incoming weather. Originally it had a parapet wall on top. Unfortunately, the tower went into disrepair over the years and was eventually sold at auction in 2009, when the new owners set about its complete renovation, restoring wherever possible. They were keen to keep the restoration sympathetic to its heritage, while updating it for the 21st century to transform it into a luxurious and comfortable modern holiday home with every amenity you could possibly wish for.

The Observatory Tower offers exceptional quality accommodation over five floors, with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The owners have carefully considered every single piece of bespoke furniture and accessory to ensure the overall holiday experience will be a truly magical one. Its unique feature is the top-floor observation deck, a circular space

boasting spectacular far-reaching 360° views across the Fal Estuary, harbour, marina and town. It has seating and a table and bar area with a boiling water tap and small fridge. Photography enthusiasts may be pleased to know the windows are fitted with blackout blinds and there is a camera obscura.

The view is simply breathtaking from the observation deck. The tower will suit couples and families with older children seeking an unusual holiday home in Cornwall's sailing capital of Falmouth. This fascinating harbour town has so much to offer, including diverse shopping, cafés and restaurants, golden, sandy beaches and attractions such as Pendennis Castle and the Maritime Museum.

Parking is located in the quiet residential roads adjoining that of the tower. However, with good transport links to and from Truro and the surrounding area, by road, rail and sea, you may opt to leave the car at home.

Truro is less than ten miles away, with its impressive cathedral, museum, array

The Observatory Tower in Falmouth offers a bird's-eye view of the area and an unusual place to stay



of independent and national shops, galleries and theatres. Truro also offers an abundance of cafés, restaurants and pubs serving a variety of culinary delights from traditional English 'pub grub' through to Far Eastern cuisine.

The Observatory Tower is available to rent through Cornish Gems Luxury Holiday Homes. Weekly prices range from £409 to £1209 and short breaks are available from October through to Easter. Luxury white linen and towels are provided, along with a welcome gift for each guest on arrival. □

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