

Home and away

Lord it up in a castle - and one is surreal

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Home Rood Ashton Park, Trowbridge

All that remains of a much larger property, mostly demolished, is this castellated Grade II listed manor house. The north wing remains with a west facing corner tower. Baronial grandeur also survives in the galleried drawing room and formal gardens, while 21st-century hedonism has intervened in the form of an indoor pool, cinema and temperature-controlled wine cellar. Yours for £2m. *Carter Jonas, 01225 809850*



Home Blenkinsopp Castle, Brampton

Blenkinsopp Castle dates from the 13th century and its peel tower was absorbed into a Victorian mansion. Once used as a hotel, fire damaged much of it in the 1950s and now a surviving wing provides four bedrooms and two receptions. The house is Grade II listed, while the adjoining ruins are a scheduled monument. Offers in the region of £325,000. *Smiths Gore, 01434 632404*



Home Lordscairnie Castle, Fife

James V of Scotland is recorded as visiting this castle at Moonzie shortly before his death, and legend claims ill-gotten treasure lies hidden within its 29.62 acres. The 15th-century tower house was built for the 7th Earl of Crawford, and is now a ruin with the potential to become a five-storey house 12 miles from St Andrews. Offers in the region of £220,000. *Smiths Gore, 0131 344 0880*



Home Arley Tower, Bewdley

If draughts and dusting put you off castles, this diminutive Grade II listed Gothic folly in Worcestershire could be an undaunting alternative. From its castellated roof terrace you can gaze over the River Severn. But you must lug your shopping up the spiral staircase to the kitchen, and cross the master bedroom and its bathroom to reach the second bedroom. A snip at £268,000. *Knight Frank, 01905 746885*



Away Laval, Western Loire, France

This neo-Renaissance castle stands in 24 acres, including a lake and two heated swimming pools, and its 12 bedrooms and nine bathrooms are scattered among the main building, the orangery and the guest pavilion. There is a very 21st-century fully equipped exercise room and cinema/media room with scope for yet more in unrenovated parts. The £1.5m price includes furnishings. *Home Hunts, +33 970 446643*



Surreal estate Maqueda Castle, Madrid

Dating back to 981 AD and declared a historic artistic monument since 1931, it is up for auction by the Spanish government through property portal Admeets.com on 19 November. Expected to fetch in the region of £7.57m, the 2,623 square metre, two-floor building is surrounded by a moat and can be developed for either commercial or residential purposes. *Admeets.com*