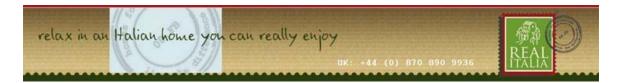
Realitalia Reveals the Secrets of Restoring Medieval Homes in Santo Stefano



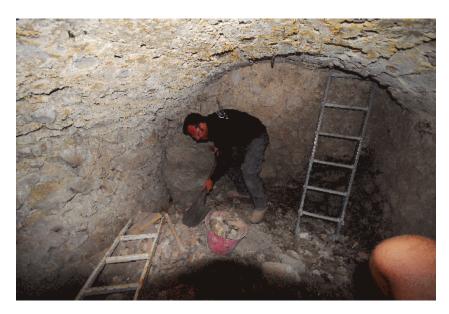
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Press Release Summary: Italian real estate specialists, Realitalia and their Santo Stefano restoration partner, Sextantio are revealing the secrets of their medieval restoration project in Italy's Abruzzo region.

Press Release Body: Dedicated to the principle of protecting both the environment and culture of the thirteenth-century town, the teams are creating unique Italian homes that are historically accurate, visually appealing, and environmentally friendly. The current restoration in Santo Stefano requires a well-informed team of artisans to demolish and reconstruct these medieval buildings with historical accuracy.



The restoration of the medieval homes in Santo Stefano is centered on discovering and staying true to the original character of each property. Any element in the structure that does not conform to the structure's original design is removed. This starts with an exhaustive undertaking to remove layers of inaccurate and

unattractive refurbishments that have been done over the years. The team of workers searches behind doors and above ceilings to discover hidden niches and rooms. Once the building is stripped to its core, it is carefully reconstructed according to the original plans and upgraded with modern amenities that don't detract from the ancient architecture. The end result is a true restoration with well-concealed modern comforts like under floor heating and low voltage electricity.

After restoring each building to its original foundation, the homes are individually furnished and decorated with antique furniture and fittings. This requires an exhaustive search throughout the local Abruzzo region for aged furniture and decorative pieces that reflect the local culture and traditions. These are restored and fitted for the home, creating a customized look within the home. This dedication to preserving local customs is also evident in the use of materials and furniture reclaimed from demolished buildings.

Realitalia was founded with the mission to provide customized holiday homes along with a management service that takes away the stress of owning a second home. Their one-of-a-kind homes are built within restored ancient structures and are designed to meet the individual needs of the owner. The company prides itself in its ability to restore these buildings using methods and materials that protect the environment and the culture of the local regions.

Santo Stefano is a small thirteenth-century town in Italy's Abruzzo Mountains. The village has long been an important cultural and merchant center and is steeped in cultural traditions that are still evident in the residents' daily lives.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Realitalia is the Homes for Pleasure boutique by **Realinvest Ltd.** This dedicated team is committed to create Homes for Pleasure in quality projects that respect local communities and the environment, located in beautiful, unspoiled, and in many cases undiscovered areas of Italy. The restorations are designed for those who are passionate about Italy and want to understand more about what the country can offer for the second home market.

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