

Luxury villas in Umbria, Italy for sale

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Beautiful restored Italian villas have come onto the market in Umbria

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A chance to buy a beautifully restored luxury home in an Umbrian farming hamlet has come up for those who like a blend of historic features with chic 21st century Italian interiors.

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Ultissimo (020 3178 4978; www.ultissimo.com), a London and Umbrian-based company specialising in the renovation and sale of quality property in accessible rural Italian locations, is selling eight houses at Villa Rancale in the upper Tiber valley in North Umbria.

Derelict for over 50-years, all eight homes have been carefully restored under the guidance of a leading Umbrian architect, retaining the distinctive original features whenever possible.

The homes, set in tranquil four-acre communal gardens, also have stylish fitted kitchens and bathrooms, planted private gardens with irrigated lawns and paved seating areas. Residents can all use a large communal pool and all-weather tennis court.

The nearest town is the thriving market town of Umbertide, a 10-minute drive, with a central piazza, banks, shops and restaurants.

The medieval towns of Perugia and Assisi are 30-minutes away, and Florence and Rome are nearby for day trips.

There is also a Trent-Jones designed golf course five-minutes from Villa Rancale, while other activities in the area include horse riding, fishing, truffle hunting, sailing and shooting.

Ultissimo offers help with furnishing the property, garden maintenance, a laundry service, and pledge to air your home and stock the fridge with your favourite victuals before you arrive.

Prices range from £231,000 to £428,000 for the eight homes.

'Rancale has so much to offer anyone who loves the Italian lifestyle and would enjoy a beautiful renovated historic property with the best of 21st Century design,' says Ultissimo's managing director Paul Belcher.