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HOUSE OF THE DAY

Tuscan Castello

Price: \$15,900,000 Location: Florence, Italy

This 15-bedroom castle near Florence was built in the early 16th century on the site of a hill fortress believed to date back to the 11th century. —Nick Clayton



"Castello Di Montacuto has belonged to my family for generations," said Elena Pacchiani Quenti. "It's more like a small village, with little squares, its chapel and patios with spectacular views. Now, the only inhabitants are members of my family." Photo: Ducci Fotografia



"Living in a castle is not like living in a house," said Ms. Quenti. "The space is so large that you end up selecting a section of it where you hang out more, and the rest still remains a discovery every time you walk in. In brief, to live in the castle makes you feel separate from the rest of the world." Photo: Ducci Fotografia



The ground floor of the main building has three living rooms, a studio and a salon with a terrace overlooking Florence. The first floor has seven bedrooms. There is also a three-story tower, which together with the main house make up over 2,000 square meters of living space. Photo: Ducci Fotografia



The property includes gardens and more than 30 hectares of olive groves and woodland. There is also a barn and small farmhouse. Photo: Ducci Fotografia



Situated on a hill 300 meters above sea level, it even has its own chapel. Photo: Ducci Fotografia



Ms. Quenti said Castello Di Montacuto's location in the Sieve Valley, 12 kilometers from Florence, means that you could take a short flight in the morning to London or Paris to go to the theater or a restaurant, and be back at this historic place in time for dinner. Photo: Ducci Fotografia



Castello Di Montacuto is listed with Stribling at a price of \$15.95 million. Photo: Ducci Fotografia