



A Roaring Renaissance

Umbria's Reschio Estate to open the doors to its 10th Century Castello as a stylishly reimagined hotel in Spring 2021



[Reschio](#) is a 3,700-acre ancient pastoral estate in the Umbrian hills which is being brought back to life by three generations of the Bolza family. A legacy project with the singular aim of protecting and restoring an extraordinary corner of Italy, the estate was bought by Count Antonio Bolza in 1994 and in the decades that followed, his son Count Benedikt and daughter-in-law, Donna Nencia, have set about transforming the crumbling farmhouses that dot the land into one-of-a-kind private homes. To date, the estate has been accessible only to a select few home owners and rental guests, but spring 2021 will see **Reschio's jewel in the crown**, its thousand-year-old castle, open its doors to the public as a **meticulously restored and stylishly reimagined 36-room hotel, restaurant and spa**.

Home to Benedikt, Nencia and their five children for a decade, the Castello will combine the effortless Italian style that has become the hallmark of Reschio with the wild Umbrian countryside that surrounds it. Benedikt has embraced an **organic approach to the design, championing local craftsmanship and creating thoughtful, whimsical spaces** that are filled with comfort and wit, while artfully nodding to the fascinating characters who once resided within the castle walls.

Every one of the Castello's **unique suites** will offer far-reaching views into both the rolling Umbrian countryside and the castle's central garden courtyard. Imbued with personality and panache, 30 suites are housed within the castle walls with a further 6 suites located just outside, adjacent to the Parish Church of San Michele. Terracotta-brick or wooden floors, hand-stitched linen curtains, sumptuous Italian fabrics, locally-crafted marble and brass vanities, and bespoke beds and lights designed by Benedikt's own furniture arm, [B.B. for Reschio](#), mix merrily with original oil portrait paintings, photographs and quirky curiosities hand-picked by Benedikt and Nencia at local antiques markets. While every room has its own character and quirks, from original stone-carved fireplaces to an old olive press, the ultimate showstopper is the **Tower Suite**. Spread across five floors, the

entrance passes right over the castle's imposing gateway and boasts two bedrooms, a spacious living room, study and roof garden with open-air tub.

Guests of the hotel will be spoilt for dining options at Reschio, where much of the produce comes straight from the estate's own **organic kitchen garden, forests, olive groves, beehives and vineyards**. The **Ristorante Al Castello** can be found in the western ramparts of the castle and its expansive fig tree-filled terrace offers the perfect orientation come sunset. Inspired by the class and tradition of old Italy, dishes will pay tribute to culinary masterpieces served in grand private houses of yesteryear. The hotel's beautiful **Palm Court** and adjoining **Bar** offers another place to relax with a book, enjoy tea and cakes or simply marvel at the lofty iron columns and vast glass ceiling that have transformed this corner of the castle's courtyard into an epic, turn-of-the-century space.

Alternatively, guests can enjoy freshly squeezed juices, home-made ice creams, creative cocktails, panini and salads at **Il Torrino**, the castle's converted watchtower which today keeps watch over the impressive oval **swimming pool**. In turn, simple, fresh food can be enjoyed on the terrace or under the soaring ceilings and verdant fern trees at **Alle Scuderie Ristorante**, which opened in summer 2019. The long marble **Bar Centrale** is the perfect spot for a pre- or post-dinner tittle to soak up the old-world Italian glamour of this spectacular space.

In true Reschio style, its take on a spa is far from conventional. Guests descending the warm stone steps into the depths of the Castello's historic wine cellar will find themselves in **The Bathhouse**. A tranquil sanctuary home to a hammam, sauna and large ethereal plunge pool that fills the castle's dramatic vaulted stone cellar, lit atmospherically only by the shards of sunlight coming through the ancient arrow slits and windows. The Bathhouse will be home to two treatment rooms, one of which, known as the **Private Spa**, is spacious enough to accommodate six people and features two tubs, a steam shower, an enormous fireplace and heat cave transformed from an ancient ice cave.

Guests of Hotel Castello di Reschio can fill their days exploring the pristine wilderness of the estate, from **nature hikes to cycling** among the forests. Foodies can partake in **truffle hunting trails** with Reschio's resident expert, or learn to make hand-made pasta, traditional sauces or forage for wild ingredients at the **cookery school**.

At the heart of the estate, the **Equestrian Centre** is home to some of Italy's finest and most skilled Spanish dressage horses trained under the expert eye of Antonello Radicchi. Guests are encouraged to get to know these magnificent creatures with lessons available for all levels, wild hacks and dressage performances at the **Equestrian Theatre**.

For those inclined to pull themselves away from the magic of Reschio, the medieval hill-top towns, museums and galleries of Perugia, Assisi, Arezzo, Cortona, Gubbio, Spello, Bevagna, Sansepolcro and Siena are less than an hour away.

To book, visit www.reschio.com.

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Editor's Note: Reschio is a 3,700-acre pastoral estate in the Umbrian hills on Italy's Umbria-Tuscany border. Count Antonio Bolza bought the estate in 1994 and in the 25 years since, Count Bolza's son, London-trained architect, Count Benedikt, and his wife, Donna Nencia Corsini, have beautifully restored more than half of the 50 ruins on the estate. Count Benedikt is responsible for every design and restoration project at Reschio, working hand-in-hand with house owners to create some of Italy's most exquisite homes. His involvement goes way beyond that of a normal architect's brief, encompassing interior design, landscaping plus **bespoke furniture and lighting design** via his [BB for Reschio](#) studio, as well as sourcing **antiques and unique artwork** from across the country. Today, 8 magnificent houses are available to rent dotted across the estate, varying in size and style.