

Hot property Security

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► Greve in Chianti, Tuscany, Italy, €6.5m

Where On the outskirts of a hilltop village in Tuscany, about 45 minutes' drive from Florence international airport.

What A 12-bedroom castle refurbished in 1998 with 2,200 sq metres of interior space on two hectares of land. The main building has frescoed ceilings and terracotta flooring, while in the grounds there is a pool, olive grove and tennis court.

Why The castle, which dates back to the 1300s, retains some of its medieval security features, including two turrets with crenellations for firing guns or arrows.

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◀ 4467 Escarpment Drive, Burlington, Ontario, Canada C\$6.85m (\$5.2m)

Where In The Bluffs neighbourhood close to the town of Burlington. Toronto Pearson airport is a 30-minute drive.

What A gated property with 18,000 sq ft of living space, including five bedrooms and an indoor pool.

Why A smart home system covers security as well as entertainment. Access is controlled through an electronic gate, and there is video surveillance via infrared cameras.

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◀ Mdina, Malta, €4m

Where In the ancient fortified city of Mdina, in northern Malta. The island's international airport is five minutes by helicopter.

What A four-bedroom house with original features such as stone arches over what used to be a mill room. There are impressive panoramic views from the top-floor sitting room, which leads on to a garden terrace and pool.

Why The property is built on top of the defensive walls that ring Mdina, which was once the island's capital. Most of the walls that survive were built by the Order of St John between the 16th and 18th centuries. They are among the best-preserved fortifications on the island.

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▲ Langdale House, Roehampton Gate, London, UK, £7.5m

Where A short stroll from Richmond Park in south-west London. Heathrow international airport is about 45 minutes by car.

What A detached new-build house with seven bedrooms and five bathrooms. The property includes a self-contained studio, a temperature-controlled wine cellar, gym and home cinema.

Why The house has a Banham-monitored security system, including panic alarms and CCTV with remotely operated video and audio playback via an app. The lighting system, designed by Lutron Electronics, learns the occupants' habits in order to simulate occupancy when the owner is away.

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◀ Las Brisas, Port d'Andratx, Mallorca, Spain, €10.9m

Where Overlooking the port and bay of Andratx on the west coast of Mallorca, about 40km from Palma and its international airport.

What A five-bedroom villa built in 2005 with more than 8,000 sq ft of living space. The property includes a guest apartment, outdoor pool and barbecue area.

Why The villa is part of a gated community with 24-hour security guards and closed-circuit video cameras throughout the grounds.

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