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Dream scenes: Santorini

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King of the castle: Castello di Ugento

Castello cool, Puglia

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The fabulously named Marquis d'Amore bought this castle in Ugento in 1643, just as castles were going out of fashion. In 2013, his descendants, who had never managed to sell the place, decided that if life gave them lemons, they should make lemonade, embarking on an ambitious project to transform the derelict castello into Puglia's official bastion of culture, gastronomy and wine. The fabulous baroque frescoes have been restored, contemporary art has been commissioned and, this spring, the Castello di Ugento opens as a luxury hotel, with nine palatial bedrooms, a spa using herbs from the garden, a gourmet restaurant and a cookery school dedicated to local cuisine. A week starts at £1,225, B&B, excluding flights (castellodiugento.com). Fly to Brindisi with Ryanair.