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This month, NATALIA GAMESON looks at ten of the best renovation projects in Europe, and unearths the various possibilities for buyers looking for that bit of history in their home.

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## BURGUNDY, FRANCE

Uninhabited for 50 years, this stone cottage in the farming village of Cisseay (c. 1820), Burgundy, is being tastefully restored in the manner of chic rustique. Replete with the trendy oak-beamed ceilings, roof terrace and stone walls that make buyers get in their cars and head to France in the first place, this two-bedroom rural pad should tick a hefty amount of boxes for buyers – there's even a working well in the walled garden. Each bedroom is en suite, and there is parking for two cars out front. The kitchen is not included, as is the French way. Ready for occupation in the summer, and priced at £321,000, with a drive of less than two-and-a-half hours from Calais, and five kilometres from the Burgundy wine town of Beaune, it would make a charming weekend pied-à-terre for the right buyer.

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## GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

L'Hotel du Parc, in Chardonne, is to be renovated to its former Belle Epoque glory by the Swiss Development Group (SDG). Situated on the hillside of a UNESCO site with stunning views of Lake Geneva, SDG is shaping the property into 24 luxury apartments, to be renamed Du Parc – Kempinski Private Residences, with all the benefits of a branded five-star hotel included. Buyers can take advantage of a Davidoff cigar lounge, 24-hour concierge services provided by Quintessentially, and a Givenchy-branded spa. Du Parc was frequented by Victor Hugo and Pierre Cardin in its heyday, and the developer is hoping that the association will lend the scheme a similar sort of kudos today. Prices start at £2.4 million for a two-bedroom apartment, and rise to £11.8 million for a penthouse.

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