



A STELLAR LAYOUT

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In Palmanova, a fortress town and Italian monument, parquet is being used to restore an eighteenth century building



Palmanova is an original Italian town in the province of Udine (in Friuli-Venezia Giulia). It has been a national monument since 1960. It is a fortified town built by the Venetians in 1593 and called the star town because of its polygonal layout in the

shape of a nine-pointed star. As well as its very special layout, the town has another particularity in that it can only be entered through the three Porte Monumentali (Monumental gates) (attributed to the architect Vincenzo Scamozzi). These

are the only buildings which can be seen from outside the Fortress and they still preserve some of the original architectural features. Interesting features: two heavy iron racks (now placed in the piazza under the Loggia) and four larch doors with metal studs

make the entrance to the town even more secure. In the centre of Palmanova (which still has all the houses and buildings dating from the Napoleonic and Venetian eras), a couple of metres from the main piazza, is the apartment which we are talking about. It has been

recently restored and is inside a historic eighteenth century building. Once you enter the apartment, you are in a serene, relaxed atmosphere. The furniture is elegant and functional and at the same time informal. Clean, straight lines are matched with warm materials, in

particular wood. There are restored wooden beams and the wood flooring. The chief characteristic: parquet flooring. Large oak boards with a brushed finish, dove-coloured for the day areas (living and dining rooms) and with a natural oiled finish for the night and relaxing areas.



GRAN TAVOLATO FRIULANO

The story of Friulparchet starts in 1927 (this year they are celebrating their 88th anniversary) and it is the story of a family who, for four generations, have dedicated their lives to discovering all the secrets of working with wood and manufacturing parquet.

The apartment in question is 15 kilometres from the company factory which for four generations has been linked to local traditions.

The parquet laid is part of the Gran Tavolato Friulano collection. It is an oiled wood, 15 mm thick and 240 mm wide in lengths from 2 to 3 metres. Like all Friulparchet products, it is entirely manufactured in Italy and finishing is done exclusively by hand.

