A Modern Slovenian Home Mingles With its 16th-Century Neighbor

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Sleek on the outside and airy on the inside, this modern home features a skylight that runs across the entire length of the property.
Inspired by the unique characteristics of chimneys found in the small town of Logatec, Slovenia, Dekleva Gregorič Architects has designed a modern 2,207-square-foot home that wonderfully complements its historic neighbors—a wooden barn and an adjacent 16th-century church.

The exterior facade is clad in oiled larch boards—a traditional finish for surrounding barns in the area—and features a sleek, minimalist interior. Named The Chimney House, the home's layout is organized around a multifunctional wooden stove, while its distinctive form is associated with an illuminating skylight that runs along the length of the property.
"The building's envelope is developed as a thick wall, integrating multiple storage spaces, a secondary kitchen, and small 'inhabitable' window niches that carefully curate incoming light and expanding views to the surroundings," explains the project's architect, Aljoša Dekleva.

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Square-shaped windows frame views of the quiet village and beyond.

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The gable silhouette of the house harmonizes with its rural setting.

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Within, oiled oak is used for the floors and walls, while the roof is composed of reinforced concrete that reveals the imprint of the wooden formwork.

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When the sliding doors are opened, the dining area appears as if it's a part of the outdoors.

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The axially conceived linear layout meets the crossing of open space.

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Thanks to the continuous skylight, the owner can look at the sky from all across the house, including in the dining, kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom.

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The kitchen has been designed to be the heart of the centrally aligned floor plan, and is equipped with a multifunctional wood stove.

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"The ridge of the roof is pushed apart, creating a continuous skylight that runs throughout the house's linear volume and provides top light for all the crucial spaces," says Dekleva.

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A deep window sill doubles as a table or storage shelf.

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A niche window sill serves as a display shelf.

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The sunlight that pours in through the linear skylight alters the atmosphere within the house as it moves across the sky through the day.

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The Chimney House Cross Sectional Drawing.

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The Chimney House Floor Plan.

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