



# 200 OUTSTANDING HOUSE IDEAS

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## MONTE DOS MOSQUEIROS

Architect: **BFJ Arquitectos**  
Location: **Portimão, Portugal**  
Date of construction: **2006**  
Photography: **Daniel Malhão**

This former shepherd's residence in the Algarve was extended and reconstructed, preserving the region's characteristic elements, and transforming it into a rural holiday home. The thick exterior walls were preserved and the existing openings and holes, which create a harmonious proportion to the whole, were maintained. Local techniques and materials were used for the coverings, such as the whitewashing of the walls and roofs, the red clay tiles for the flooring and the chalklike stone of Monchique.



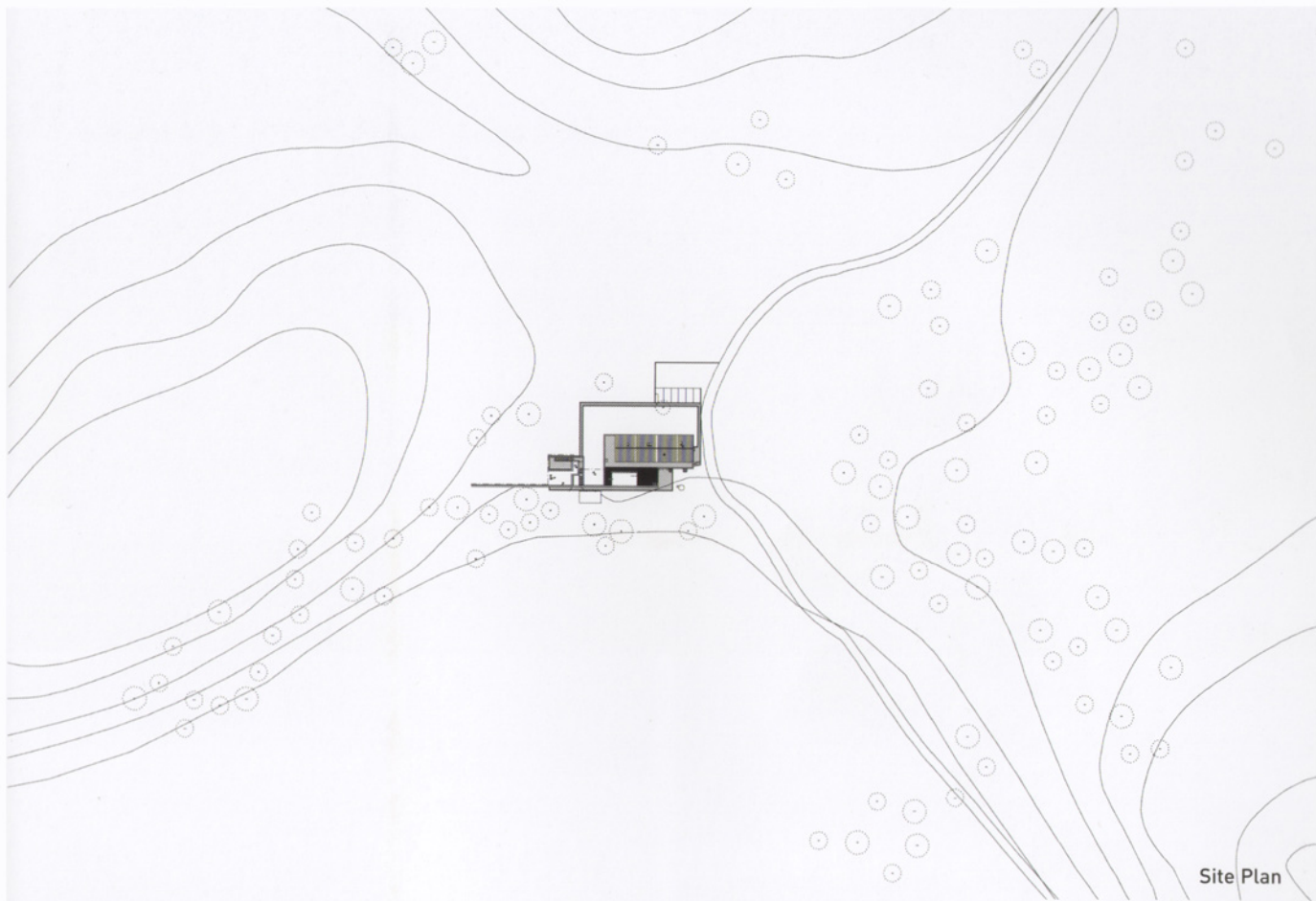




The renovation of this former shepherd's residence was considered as a rural holiday home. The existing building was reconstructed, preserving and enhancing its most characteristic aspects.

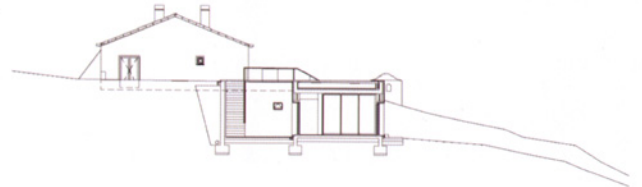
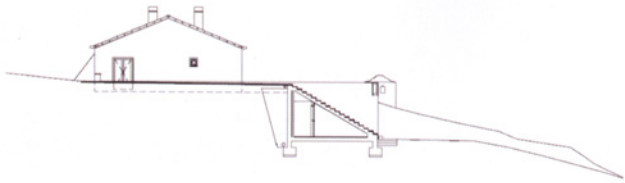
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Site Plan

The natural incline of the terrain served to lay the foundations of the new building, creating a support with a pool and terrace.



Cross Sections



Longitudinal Section



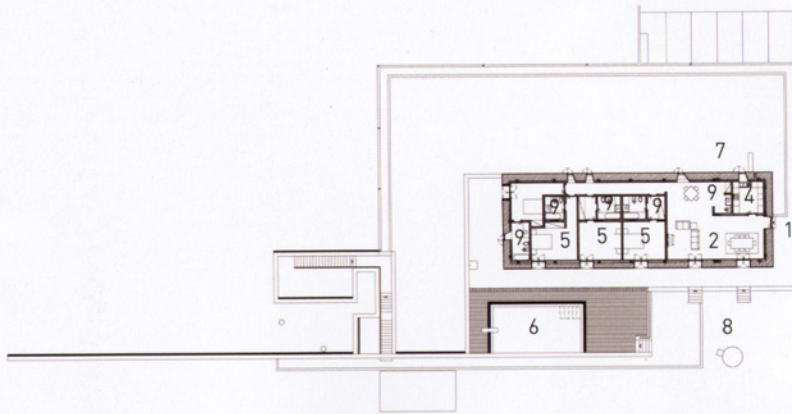


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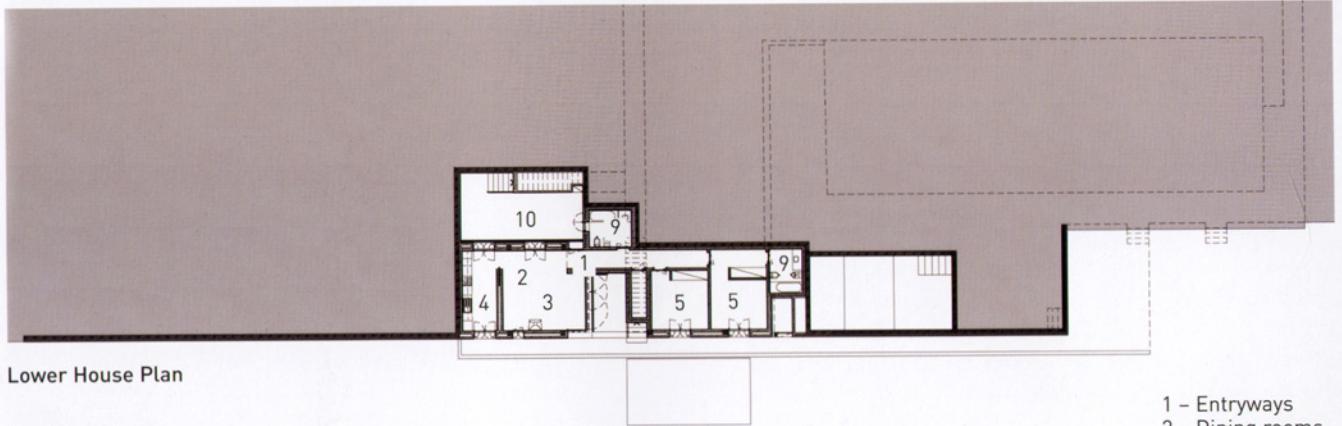
The natural slope served as a guide for the foundations of the new construction. The house can be reached via a staircase, which connects the interior and the exterior, crossing the different levels of the terrain.







Upper House Plan



Lower House Plan

Existing holes and openings facing the valley — which was originally dedicated to agriculture — were preserved and incorporated into the contemporary remodeling of this farmhouse.

- 1 - Entryways
- 2 - Dining rooms
- 3 - Lounge
- 4 - Kitchens
- 5 - Bedrooms
- 6 - Pool
- 7 - Garage
- 8 - Woodstove
- 9 - Bathrooms
- 10 - Courtyard