

Project: Zen House

Team: JAN TYRPEKL

Size: 30 m²

Location: Hainburg an der Donau, AT



Feature:

Project - Nestled in the countryside of Hainburg an der Donau, Austria, the Zen House is an ode to minimalism and connection with nature. Designed by Jan Tyrpekl, the 30 sqm structure evokes a bird's nest perched high among the trees at 4 meters above ground. With expansive glass walls and HS portals opening onto the terrace and orchard, the living space enables a seamless transition between interiors and the outdoors. Built entirely of wood, the house features a clean-lined material palette of glued laminated spruce timber framing, larch timber terracing, and CLT wall panelling. The simple rectilinear form works in harmony with the surroundings rather than imposing itself. Inside, built-in furnishings of a bar, bed, and fireplace are unified through thoughtful positioning between two HS portals. The portals direct views and access out to the terrace or towards the orchard. With an almost spiritual emphasis on living amongst nature, the Zen House offers a unique and meaningful experience where relaxation, sleep and gathering take on an elevated significance. Its design manages to provide a sense of security and intimacy despite being surrounded by glass and nestled high up among the trees.

Design Team - Founded in 2021 in Prague by Jan Tyrpekl, the design studio emphasizes simplicity, clarity of concept and cost efficiency. They provide clients with a full range of architectural design services from site selection, feasibility studies, planning and design to construction supervision and project completion acceptance. So far, the studio has won several awards, including the 2018 BIG SEE Tourism Design Award, the 2019 and 2022 BIG SEE Wood Design Awards, and multiple nominations and finalists for Czech Architecture Awards. The design philosophy of the studio focuses on harmonious coexistence between human and nature, which stems from the background of its founder Jan Tyrpekl. Tyrpekl graduated from the Faculty of Art and Architecture at the Technical University of Liberec

with a degree in Architecture and Urban Planning, and once studied under Professor Marco Casagrande. Through his overseas experiences and previous employments, Tyrpekl has established his own design methodology and aesthetic understanding regarding wood construction and landscape design.