

BY THE WATER\$IDE - a house on the Paraná River banks

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La Juanita rises on the banks of the Paraná River, and the design concept was to make the riverfront the central element of it, taking advantage of the natural slope of the land to create viewpoints, both at ground level and in the basement.

The project was conceived with the aim of making the house as functional as possible, distributing the spaces so that they can be used naturally. Simple materials were chosen to evoke the surrounding environment - wooden floors and cladding - and the Argentine construction tradition - use of brick and concrete, either plastered or raw.

The house welcomes visitors with a corridor of light that, right from the entrance, offers a direct view of the natural element that is the protagonist of the entire project and has the function of separating, while keeping them connected, the two building volumes - the main residence and the guest annex.

The residence develops over two levels that follow the slope of the terrain: the access is at ground level, where, in addition to the entrance hall and a service bathroom, there is a large open-space area with the kitchen and the dining room from which, thanks to full-height windows, you can already immerse yourself in the natural landscape, composed of dense river vegetation and the banks of the Paraná. From the entrance hall, separated by a door and slightly elevated above ground level, there is an essential sleeping area, with two bedrooms and a shared bathroom. The master bedroom, however, is accessed from the dining room: the curvature of the wall creates a "buffer" zone that prevents a direct line of sight between the bed and the dining area. The master bedroom features an en-suite bathroom and a walk-in closet, as well as direct access to the terrace, which, with its soft lines, connects the entire building - bedroom, living area, and annex.

The living room is located in the basement, where, in addition to a technical room accessible only from the outside, a "wellness" area has been planned, complete with a sauna and a gym. The external portico provides a sheltered space for the asador and, through the large windows of both the living room and the wellness area, can be put in continuity with the internal space, allowing for hybrid use of the areas when needed.

For the outdoors, pathways have been created that lead, on one side, to beach access and, on the other, to the only artefact planned in the external area: a belvedere that takes advantage of the promontory on the property, creating a spot elevated and detached for relaxation or for a picnic. This blends into and hides among the leaves of the willow and timbo trees, while offering a privileged view of the Paraná.

