RUTA DEL PEREGRINO

Category: territorial Location: Jalisco, México Surface:117km Project Year: 2011

*Collaborative Master Plan by Tatiana Bilbao, Derek Dellekamp and Rozana Montiel Projects: Gratitude Open Chapel by Tatian Bilbao and Dellekamp Arquitectos Void Temple by Rozana Montiel and Dellekamp Arquitectos



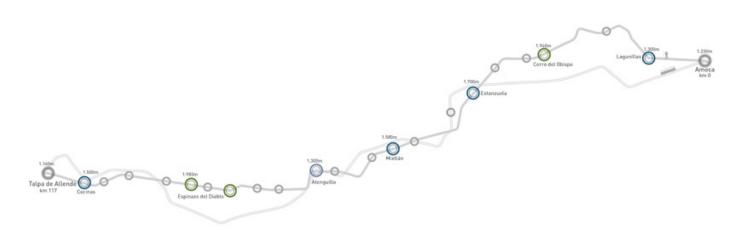
elevation 1,635 m/ 5,364 ft



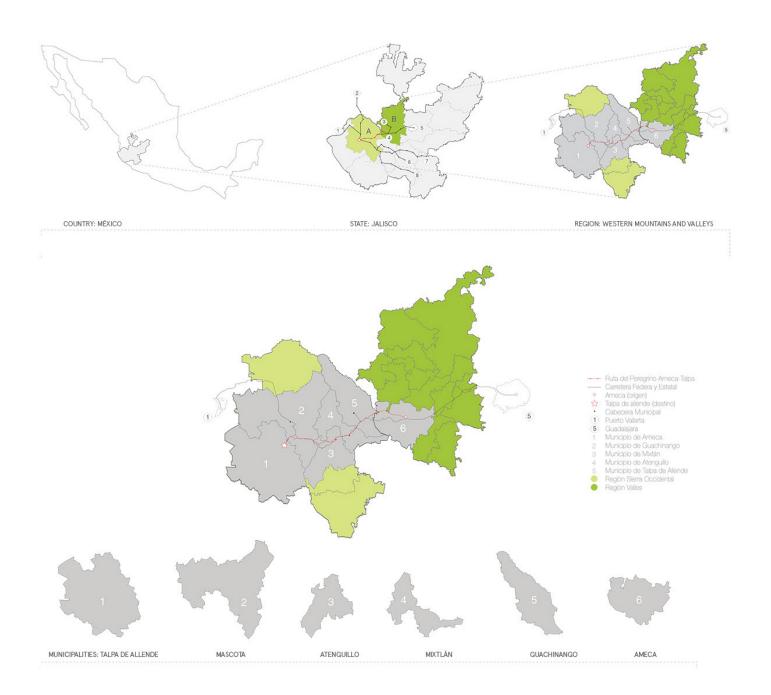










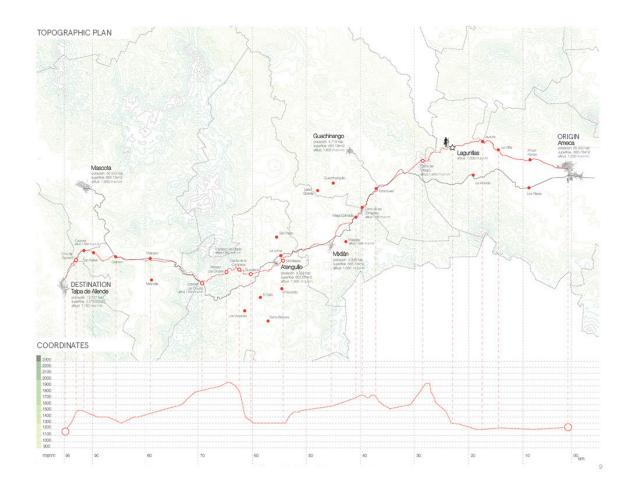


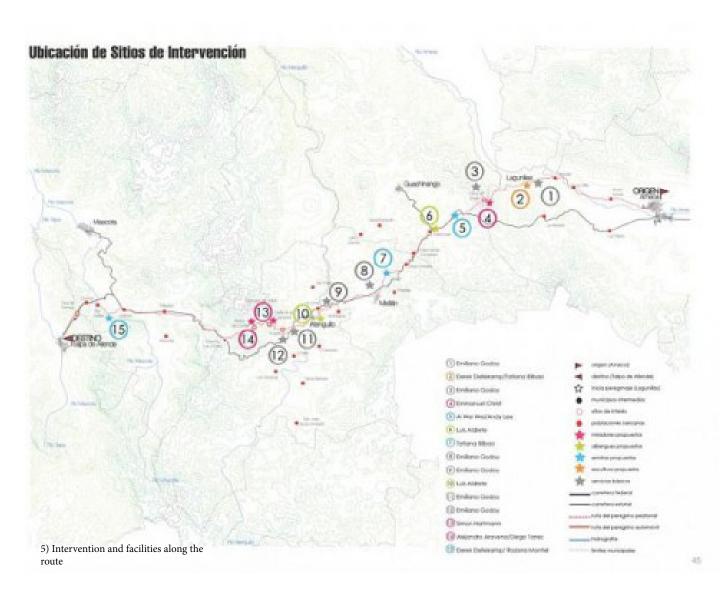
Every year approximately two million people come from different states of Mexico walk through the 117 km mountainous route of Jalisco, starting from the town of Ameca, ascending to el Cerro del Obispo, crossing the peak of Espinao del Diablo to descend to its final destination in the town of Talpa de Allende to meet the Virgin of Talpa. This religious routes ranges approximately 2000 m above sea

level. Occurred since the 17th century, the pilgrims demonstrates their faith through concurring the tough journey with penitence. This journey in itself becomes a sacrifice and a ritual of purification.

The project consists of a series of interventions dotted along the historical route, aiming to provide better condition better condition for the pilgrims, at the same time also generates social and economic

profits to the surrounding area. Integrated infrastructure, iconic architecture and sculptures embeded in the religious ritual also brings together a broader audience. Tatiana Bilbao designed the systematic masterplan as the framework, and also two of the landmarks along the route. As each site fosters a dialog, they also intertwine into the lager vision of an ecological corridor beyond religious.





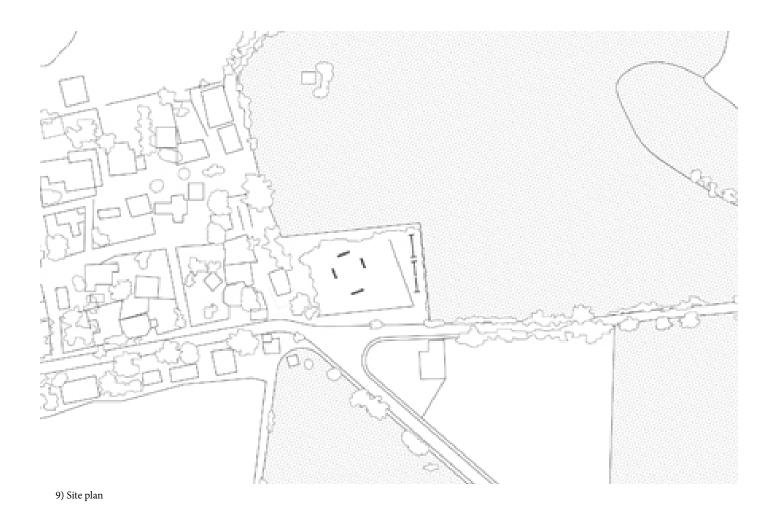


Near the starting point of the route is the Bishop Hill (Cerro del Obispo). Inspired by the sky outline of the landscape, Tatiana Bilbao with Dellekamp Architects design the Gratitude Open Chapel. A symbolic temple of four concrete slabs forms an abstracted cross in the sky.





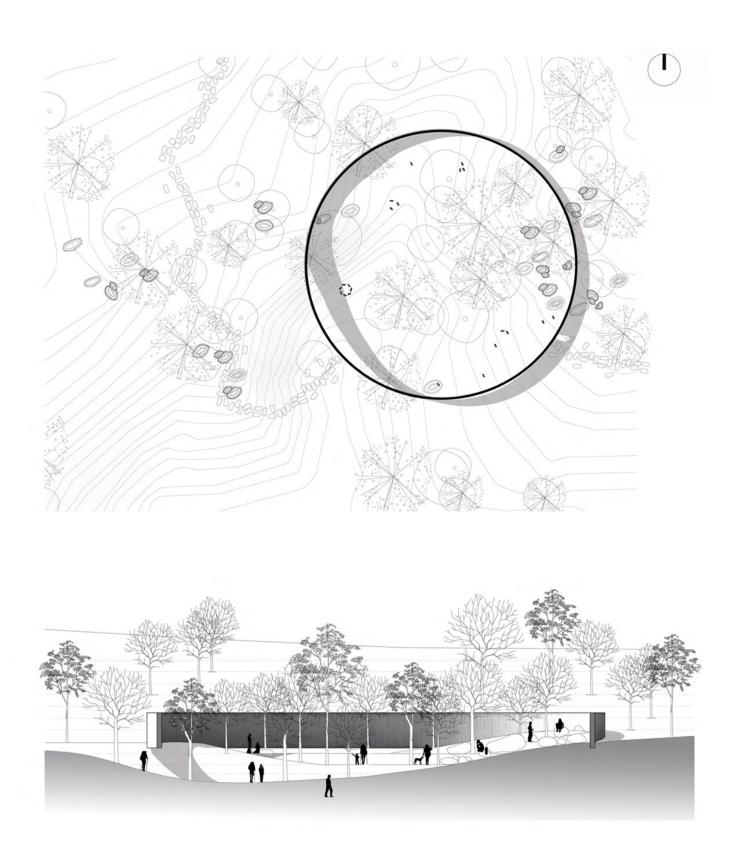
6), 7), View of the chapel





8) Pilgrim and the chapel





Void Temple, designed by Dellekamp Arquitectos and Rozana Montiel, a 40m diameter circle suspended 3m high blends into the pin woods and topography of the site. As a temple, it delimitates a space for contemplation with intimate relationship with nature.

