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hermitage hospitality

TEN INDIVIDUAL CUBES ON A RIDGE IN THE SPANISH COUNTRYSIDE REPRESENT A MODERN INTERPRETATION OF THE PRIVATE RETREAT IN THE MIDST OF NATURE: SECLUDED YET SECURE, SELF-CONTAINED YET CONNECTED TO COMMON AREAS

It will no longer be so easy to overlook Monroyo, in the heart of the county of Matarraña in Teruel (Spain). The usual stopovers to buy some of its ham or pick some wild mushrooms or truffles in season can now be lengthened thanks to a striking new hotel on the outskirts of the town, next to the Consolación Hermitage.

The hotel designed by the firm of Camprubí i Santacana Arquitectes is an innovative project comprising a central house containing the services and communal areas, plus ten rooms built independently.

The hotel, which has borrowed the name of the hermitage, is notable for its close links with the natural world. For a start, the rooms are not classical hotel bedrooms but individual cubes clad with wood, set 100 m from the hotel's central nucleus on a hillside reached via a natural garden of rosemary and thyme. They are called kubes: 36 sq m of simple, almost minimalist architecture. Black slate floor, a bathtub dug out of the selfsame floor, a bathroom with a separate shower, a suspended chimney, an armchair and a reading lamp.

