Happiness hidden under the calm water sky mirror

Below the river

Xingfu village Pan-Museum

Museum is located on the confluence of human and nature. The thin water surface on terraces, taken from the nearby river, reflects the sky.

Design allows nature to penetrate the building and become a part of the exhibition. Waterfall curtains and stone-like columns immerse visitors with a natural environment. Wind, sunlight, waterfalls, stones enter the interior through gaps and blur inside and outside. Each space in the museum offers a unique valley view.

There are five rooms descending the slope: History-engagement-diversity-creation-meditation.

**1. History**

The first one starts with the ticket office, where the journey begins. While descending the spiral staircase under the water, we reach the ancient stone, covered by carvings and moss. It is a witness of many village stories. We dive into the history of the village, see permanent exhibition of local art, natural elements, objects from movie, etc.

**2. Engagement**

The second holds a functional staircase, where the charity bookshop and cafe arranged. Anyone can bring the book or try to cook a delicious dish in the open kitchen. We have tai-chi classes, performances, etc. It is all about direct engagement with guests.

**3. Diversity**

The third one is filled with objects brought by guests and temporary exhibitions. We notice how different we all are, and how different happiness can be.

**4. Creation**

The fourth is dedicated to art activities, with painting and calligraphy classes. We are all creators of our own happiness.

**5. Meditation**

The fifth is a teahouse and a meditation room. Calm down to know yourself. This is the last room until you come out to the valley.

In design local materials are applied: red sandstone, clay, stones, bamboo, wood, roof tiles, bricks. They create a vibrant, textured interior space with a slight hint of the passing time.

Museum engages closely with local villagers, they are co-creators of the building.

This is the happiness is created by all of us.