

# The Capela do Monte

case study  
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Location: Barão de São João, Portugal



**Architect:** Álvaro Siza

**Owner:** N/A

**Year of completion:** 2018

**Climate:** Tropical Savanna Climate

**Material of interest:** Stone

**Application:** Exterior

**Properties of material:** The building is designed to naturally heat and cool itself passively, thanks to the use of carefully selected materials. Its thick walls are made from perforated bricks, which are coated both internally and externally in a limestone render.

**Sources:**

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