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## JOURNEY IN

“My only ambition is to create a useful space for the whole humankind so that when a human being enters into this empty cube of 50x50x50 meters, he could feel in its fullness the human smallness.”

-Eduardo Chillida

In 1994, the Basque sculptor Eduardo Chillida discovered the sacred mountain Tindaya in Fuerteventura, the Canary Islands. There, he envisioned an immense void space that would make the visitors feel insignificant and ignite a feeling of fraternity among mankind.

Our vision for Urban Confluences is an immense void in the park. An invitation to an introspective space, subtle in the surface but of great proportions underground. We will journey *in* to experience, to process, to question and to REFLECT.

REFLECT

The entrance to the space is located in the southernmost tip of Arena Green West, right across the stadium. This location will reduce significantly the impact of any construction in an already consolidated park and will complement the civic activities in the area.

The structure features a central oculus - similar to the Roman Pantheon - from which the visitors will enter into a spiraling ramp down the space. The continuous circulation is an homage to one of the most important American buildings, the Salomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City, and will provide access to a public *piazza* located in the lower level.

The space is envisioned to be a space of reflection. A place where to dream about the moon, but with the feet in the ground. A public plaza that welcomes everyone equitably. A place where to gather, where to walk and contemplate, a place to celebrate and to learn.

The lower level of the structure doubles as a huge mirror, expanding the habitable space beyond the visitors reach and making the experience almost spiritual.

A series of tanks located in a technical level below will contain the water that will flood the *piazza* level when programmatically required. The temperature of the water will be preserved at 50 degrees to avoid increasing the humidity levels of the habitable spaces. Geothermal energy will be used for heating and cooling the space as well as to provide energy for lighting.

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