Sun Path House

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Sun Path House was designed, first and foremost, as a place for the well-being of a renowned chef and his family. Commissioned as an extension to their single-story 1930s home, architect Christian Wassmann's design provides sheltered outdoor spaces for cooking and entertaining, with a self-contained master bedroom and private rooftop above. A floating green box punctured by a spiraling wall, the building's central concrete structure forms the main staircase—and doubles as a chimney for an outdoor pizza oven. Rough and rugged concrete forms are enveloped by climbing green vines, framing every view and acting as a veil against the hot Florida sun. As its name suggests, the sculptural spiral also maps the path of the sun during the summer solstice, inspired by the precise geometries of India's ancient Jantar Mantar observatory. The rooftop is intended as a secluded solarium—a contemplative space, sheltered from the wind and open to the sky.

