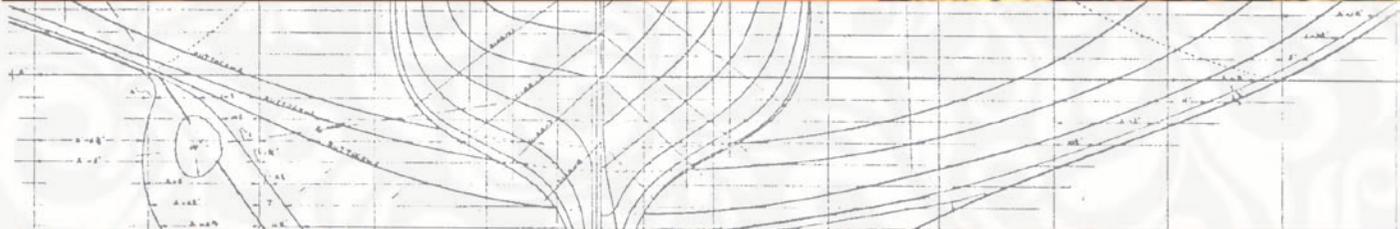


# Amulene



An ecological round house, made of wood, straw and clay  
Une maison écologique ronde en bois, paille et argile  
Een ecologisch rond huis van hout, stro en klei



# A house like a warm coat

Ambre is a compact and comfortable house. The strawbale walls, finished with a 10cm thick clay plaster, ensure a pleasant interior climate in every season. All exterior walls have a thickness of almost a meter. The deep window niches provide a place to sit. The ground floor with a surface of 33m<sup>2</sup> has a double height in the living area. The tallest window is over 4 meters. This gives the whole house a spacious quality.

The interior is rich in detail and carefully finished. The ambiance resembles a classic yacht. Curved lines and no straight angles. The inner walls are all made of clay. Ambre is a true Earthship.

The outer facade has a rough style of gray wood and natural clay walls, to blend in with nature. No maintenance is needed for unpainted wood.

## Health

A lot of attention is given to creating a healthy indoor climate. Ceiling and interior elements are made of douglas wood. Unpainted wood and clay are regulating the humidity. They also have a nice acoustic and are pleasant to touch. By finishing countertop and floor with linseed oil and beewax a healthy climate is maintained.

Besides the materials used, the quality of the air is important. Ventilating by opening a window is on most days the best choice. The clay mass of the house and the heavy woodstove guarantee a stable radiant heat.

Ambre is equipped with 12 volt lighting. When extra power is needed a transformer can be switched on to create 220 volts AC from the 12 volts DC batteries. Most of the day the house is completely free of electrical fields or resonating frequencies.

## Insulation

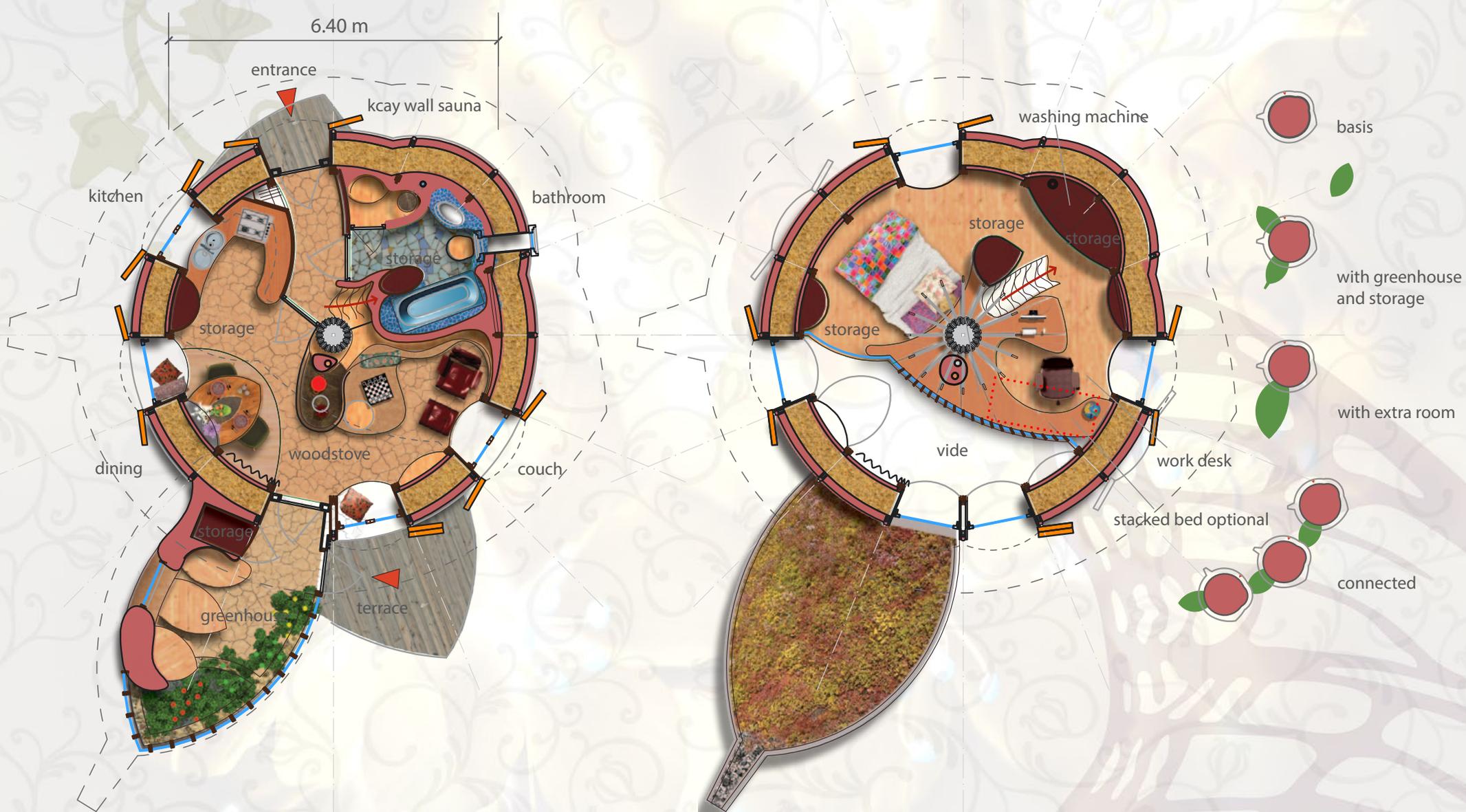
Because of the strawbale insulation in walls and roof and the insulated shutters, Ambre is so well insulated that heating is not needed. Just cooking on the woodstove will generate enough heat to be comfortable even in winter. Strawbales also insulate very well against summer heat. The thick clay floor and walls act as a buffer. The house is cool in summer and warm in winter.

## Energy

Ambre is designed to make functioning without water and electricity supply possible. Rainwater can be stored in an underground tank. In the garden, solar panels and warm water vacuum tubes can be installed hidden from sight. For everything in the house, the aim is minimal consumption of water and electricity.

natural materials  
healthy  
comfortabel in all seasons  
unique ambiance  
for every budget





## Floor plans

In the middle of the house a wood cooker is placed. The chimney is guided through a clay bench to create a warm place to sit. After a day of walking in the woods you can relax in the bathroom, equipped with a bath and a clay wall sauna. Storage space is part of the design and finished in the same style as the

interior. The greenhouse or wintergarden has a glass facade that can be removed in summer to create a veranda. All windows can be closed with insulated shutters. Also the front door can be closed in this way. The shutters are insulated with 6 cm insulation. The first floor in this example has a double bed and a large desk to work. There are no closed walls on this

floor to keep the house as spacious as possible. From this desk you can look down and see the dining table, or you can see the surrounding landscape over the vegetated roof of the veranda. The roof is equipped with a spout to guide the rain water. The advantage is that an open spout is never clogged. Ambre can also be built without a veranda. It's also possible to build an extra storage place in the same

style. Next to the front door or in the garden. The extension can also be big and insulated enough to create an extra room. With the extensions the houses can also be connected to each other.

# A house for every budget

Ambre has 3 levels of finishing

## **Kit**

The whole house is prepared as a kit with pre-cut planks, complete with drill holes and numbers. A clear building guide is included

## **Timber frame**

By a local builder the kit is assembled to a framework, with windows and a closed roof.

## **Clay finishing**

Strawbales are placed and finished with a clay wall. Now the house is insulated and airtight

The interior also has 3 possibilities:

## **Pioneer**

The interior is like you would expect in a pioneers house. No nonsens and practical.

## **Luxury**

This is Ambre as shown in the brochure. Beautifully finished and with lots of extra features.

## **Tailored**

In collaboration with craftsmen and interior designers we can finish Ambre in a unique style

Every detail is designed. In Ambre you will find the passion for perfection. Functional, smart but also with an eye for self-evident esthetics.

Because Ambre is built in a series it is possible to offer quality and keep the house very affordable at the same time.

Ambre is thinking a few steps ahead on the road to a durable future.

## **Natural materials**

Both interior and exterior are made with natural materials

Hemp textile with beautiful patterns. A roll curtain of thick felt to close the tall windows without being in the way during daytime. Felt has a rich texture.

## **Timeless design**

Ambre is a house with a modern setup and installations. The details and craftsmanship give Ambre a timeless appearance.

A few unique lamps, stained glass window details and a lot of attention to the finishing of the clay walls give Ambre a unique and self-evident quality.





mixture of clay, straw and gravel

Inner and outer window frame separated by a layer of cork

roll curtain felt

50 cm straw

stained glass

insulated shutters

decorated clay tiles

The timber frame is pre-cut and delivered as a kit



The window niches are entirely prefabricated and placed under a finished roof

# Much more than just a house

## A green investment

By building a durable and healthy house an inflation-proof investment can be created with good possibilities for a return on investment

The houses are built by local craftsmen. The building techniques are thoroughly tested and all installations are sturdy, so no maintenance is necessary.

The houses and gardens can be maintained and managed by local people. On the OikosLibre website an organic house can be booked

OikosLibre takes care of publicity and attention in the media

Investors are well informed and in close contact the initiatives.

With a webcam the progress of the house can be followed. There will be a newsletter every season and we are working on a book and a documentary

## An experience

The idea is to let people feel what organic living is. By renting an OikosLibre house the possibility is offered to see where '30 days away from routine life' brings you. For a lot of people even a holiday is routine. OikosLibre gives the opportunity to step in a different life. A life in close contact with nature. The experience of an inspiring and cosy house.

## OikosLibre

OikosLibre is a movement looking for people who want to live in a different way. Taking the first steps towards a world of more balance.

OikosLibre is aligning with the spirit of the time of change and joins all the initiatives already taken in this

direction.

Oikos is a greek word and means 'home'. This also includes the local environment where you live and the people you are connected with.

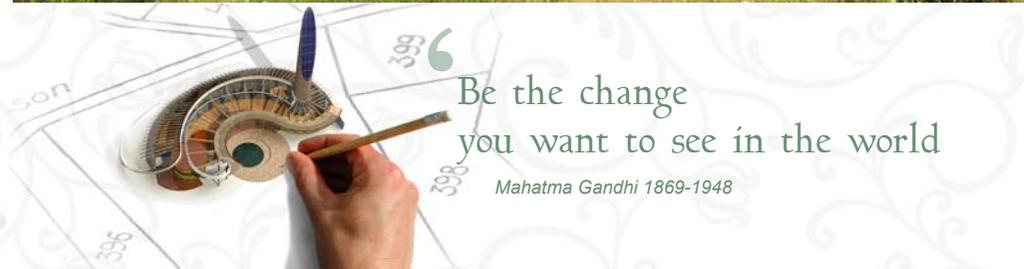
Libre is a french word and can be translated as 'free', but also as 'unrestricted' or 'independent'. OikosLibre stands for a free life shared with pleasant people, without this being at the expense of something or someone.

## Start in de french Corrèze

OikosLibre is going to build organic houses in Europe. Clay-straw houses where comfort and luxury is combined with 'low impact' materials and installations. Cooking, washing and drying. Furthermore heating, electricity and water supply are seen as an important part of the design and integrated in simple and durable way. Also there is a lot of attention to the details and finishing of the house. By using simple and natural materials, finished with sophistication, a unique organic ambiance is created.

By renting the houses a large number of people can experience what it feels like to live in an Oikos. An Oikos is much more than just a house. It's a way of living with a future.

Getting concrete is the most important goal for OikosLibre. Living in a house, made of wood, straw and clay is the future.



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