



# VII European Day of Historic Gardens

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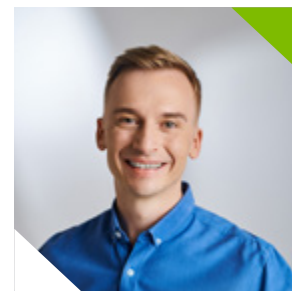


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## Celebrating 10 Years of the European Route of Historic Gardens



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Dear Partners, Collaborators and Friends of the European Route of Historic Gardens,

Ten years ago, in the picturesque setting of the Santa Clotilde Gardens in Lloret de Mar, we embarked on a journey that transcended the mere promotion of tourism. Today, as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the ERHG, we stand as a vibrant network that connects not only Europe's most exquisite gardens but also the people who believe in our continent's shared identity.

Our mission has always been inextricably linked to the fundamental values of the Council of Europe. As a Certified Cultural Route, we do not merely serve as custodians of aesthetics; we act as ambassadors for democracy, human rights, and intercultural dialogue. Our gardens are "living museums" that teach us that European heritage is polyphonic and diverse, yet firmly rooted in a shared historical foundation.

Over the past decade, we have demonstrated that historic gardens are essential meeting points where borders fade, and where education and mutual understanding flourish as naturally as the flora we tend. By promoting sustainable tourism and the exchange of knowledge, we realise the vision of a Europe united by the stewardship of our common heritage—both natural and cultural.

I would like to thank all our partners for their tireless dedication to the growth of this Route. May the coming years be a period of continued flourishing for the ERHG, as our gardens continue to serve as enduring symbols of peace and our common European path. Furthermore, may they stand as lasting symbols of diplomatic neutrality and unity in our shared admiration for human creativity and natural diversity.

Long live a Europe of united gardens!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Łukasz Przybylak'.

**Łukasz Przybylak,**

President

European Route of Historic Gardens

# VAN BUUREN GARDENS & MUSEUM

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

BELGIUM

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | DRAWING WORKSHOP

On the occasion of the European Day of Historic Gardens, the van Buuren Museum & Gardens is organising a drawing workshop in the heart of its garden.

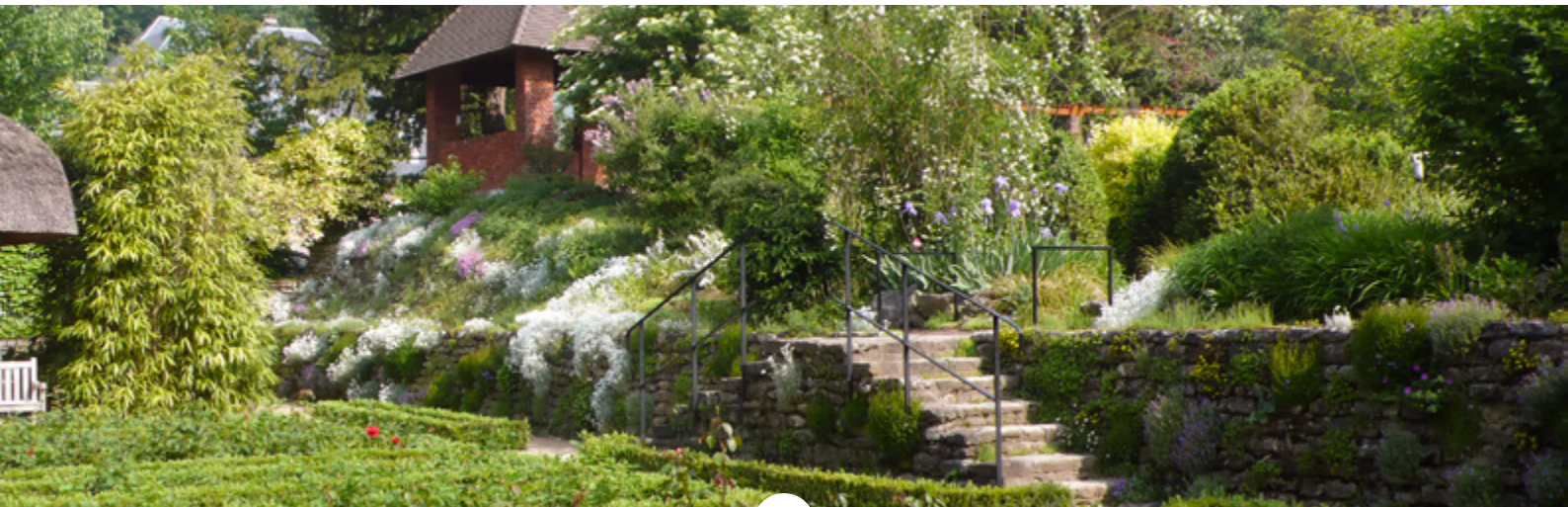
On Sunday 26 April 2026, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm, participants are invited to take the time to observe the shapes, lines and colours of the garden and translate them freely onto paper. The workshop is open to all, with no prior experience required.

Participants are asked to bring their own materials (pencils, pens, paper, watercolours, etc.). In case of rain, the workshop will take place indoors.

The workshop is led by Thibaut De Coster, a scenographer who has been working for many years on activating spaces through light, shadow and materials.

- **When:** April 26th, from 13:30h to 16:00h.
- **Target:** Open to all, with no prior experience required.
- **Admission:** Included in entrance ticket.

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# ROYAL GARDENS OF HERRENHAUSEN

HANNOVER, GERMANY

GERMANY

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | "ROYAL GARDEN SPLENDOUR" IN THE GREAT GARDEN

A tour of one of Europe's best-preserved Baroque gardens, with a history spanning 350 years.

Electress Sophie had the Great Garden laid out at the end of the 17th century, modelled on French designs, and made it her life's work. To mark Historic Gardens Day: the influence of European countries on garden design.

- **When:** April 26th, 10:30h, approx. 90 minutes.
- **Target:** Families, student groups, adults, representatives from other organisations, etc.
- **Admission:** If you already have an admission ticket for the Herrenhausen Gardens, you can obtain tickets for the guided tour at the Herrenhausen Gardens ticket office.

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# ROYAL GARDENS OF HERRENHAUSEN

HANNOVER, GERMANY

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## APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> | FESTIVE ILLUMINATION OF THE GREAT GARDEN

The Great Garden is illuminated, inviting visitors to enjoy a romantic evening stroll.

Twilight descends upon the tranquil garden until, for an hour, the hedges, sculptures, wells and fountains are bathed in spectacular light, accompanied by Baroque music.

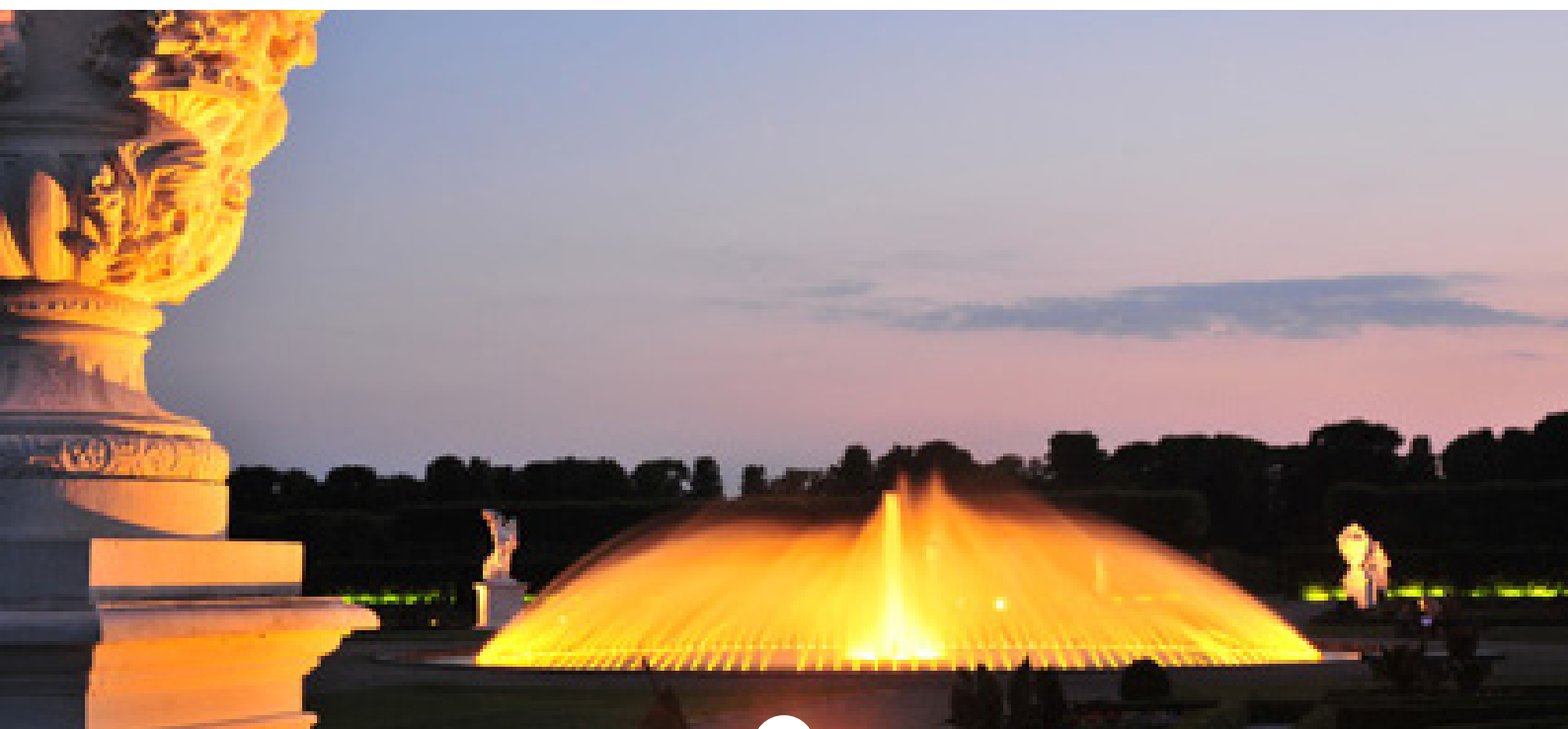
- **When:** April 30th, doors open from 20:00h, illumination 22–23:00h.
- **Target:** Everyone (the following day is a public holiday).
- **Admission:** 6 euros, reduced price 4 euros (for pupils, students, BFD, FWD, FSJ and FÖJ participants as well as annual pass holders, also for illuminations without music), children/young people under 18 years free.

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# ZUGDIDI BOTANICAL GARDEN

ZUGDIDI, GEORGIA

GEORGIA

## APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> | SPRING IN ZUGDIDI BOTANICAL GARDEN

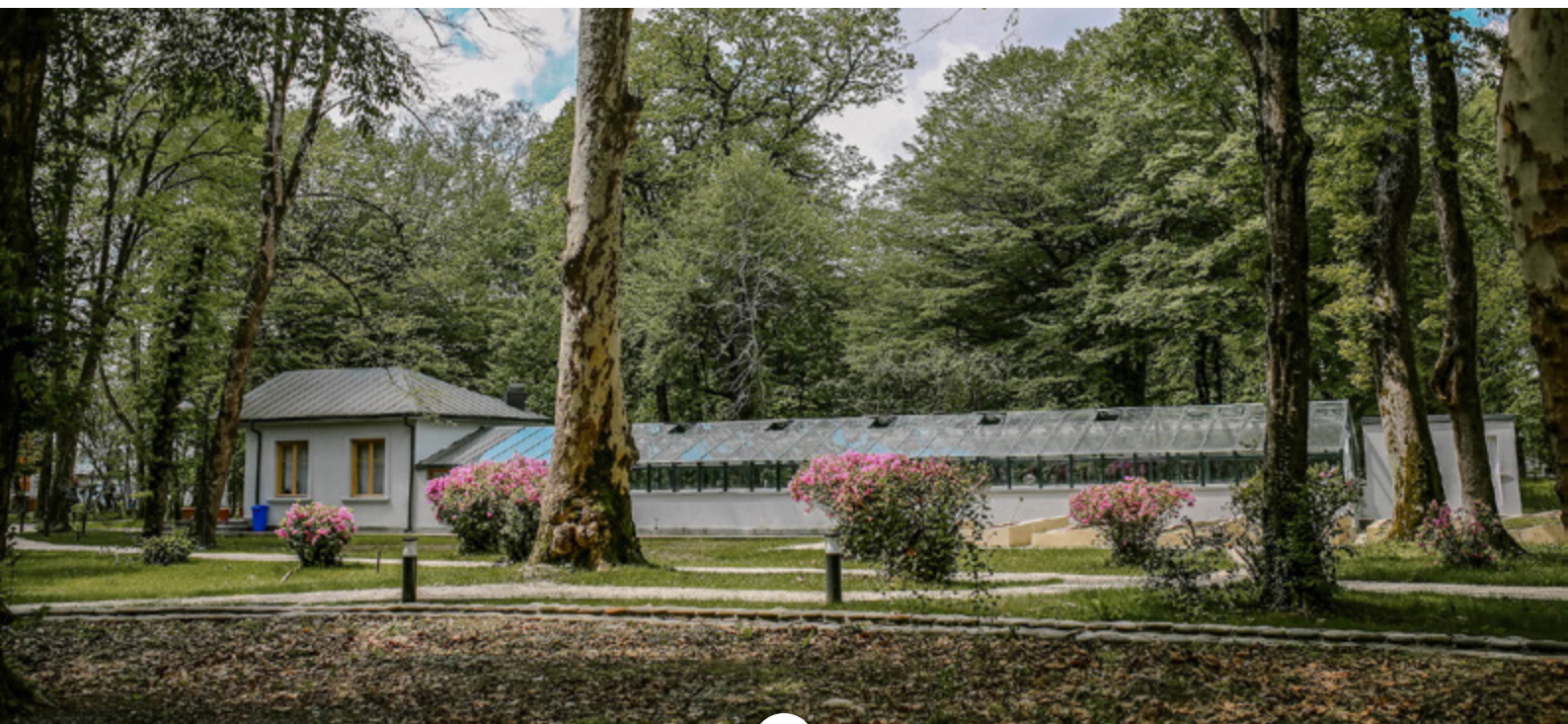
Zugdidi Botanical Garden will organize an event – “Spring in Zugdidi Botanical Garden” on April 27 (from 12:00 - until 18:00), which will include an exhibition of flowers cultivated in the garden.

The aim of holding such events annually is to raise the importance of environmental protection in society, promote biodiversity and harmonious coexistence with nature.

- **When:** April 27th (from 12:00h - until 18:00h).
- **Target:** Families, student groups, adults, representatives from other organisations, etc.
- **Admission:** The program is free of charge.

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# NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA

TBILISI, GEORGIA

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Free of charge guided educational tour led by the National Botanical Garden of Georgia.

The tour explores the garden's 400-year history, its biodiversity, and cultural importance. Participants will walk through historical routes, see unique plant collections, and discover the garden's architectural and landscape highlights.

- **When:** 14:00h
- **Target:** Local Residents, Tourists, Specialists in a relevant field, Schoolchildren and their teachers and parents, High school, college and university students
- **Admission:** Free of charge.



## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | EXHIBITION: "EUROPEAN HISTORIC GARDENS"

A thematic exhibition will be organized at the central entrance of the Botanical Garden.

It will showcase historical gardens from various European countries, their architectural styles, and cultural contexts. The exhibition will feature visual materials accompanied by descriptive texts.

- **When:** 14:30h.
- **Target:** Local Residents, Tourists, Specialists in a relevant field, Schoolchildren and their teachers and parents, High school, college and university students.
- **Admission:** Included in entrance ticket.

# NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA

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TBILISI, GEORGIA

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | HANDS-ON PLANTING WORKSHOP

A hands-on masterclass where the garden's specialists will teach participants the correct techniques for planting, soil selection principles, and basic care rules.

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in the process themselves.

- **When:** 15:00h
- **Target:** Local Residents, Tourists, Specialists in a relevant field, Schoolchildren and their teachers and parents, High school, college and university students
- **Admission:** Free of charge.



## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | CEREMONIAL TREE PLANTING

To commemorate this day, a tree will be planted as a symbol of unity and cooperation within the European Historic Gardens.

This activity highlights the cultural connection and shared values between Georgia and European garden heritage.

- **When:** 16:00h
- **Target:** Local Residents, Tourists, Specialists in a relevant field, Schoolchildren and their teachers and parents, High school, college and university students
- **Admission:** Free of charge.

# NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA

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TBILISI, GEORGIA

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | LECTURE

### "The Significance of Historical Gardens in Shaping European Cultural Identity"

The lecture will address the general significance of historic gardens in the formation of European cultural identity.

It will examine how gardens reflect the aesthetic, philosophical, and social values of different historical periods, as well as the role of the National Botanical Garden of Georgia as an important component of the shared European heritage. The audience will be provided with information about the gardens of Georgia that are incorporated into the European Route of Historic Gardens (ERHG) under the auspices of the Cultural Heritage Agency.

- **When:** 15:30h
- **Target:** Specialists in a relevant field, college and university students.
- **Admission:** Free of charge.



# ESTERHÁZY CASTLE

FERTŐD, HUNGARY

HUNGARY

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | INDOOR & OUTDOOR GUIDED TOURS

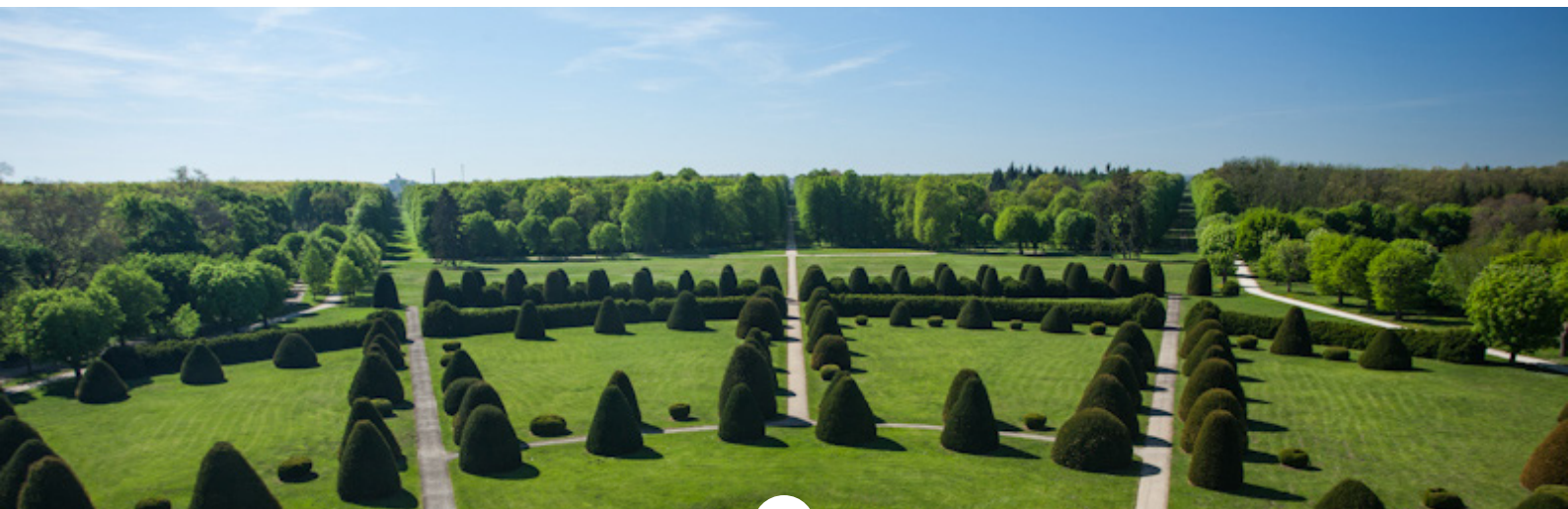
### Outdoor Program:

On Sunday, 26 April 2026, the Esterházy Palace in Fertőd will join the European Route of Historic Gardens for the Day of Historic Gardens.

Guided park history walks titled “The Flowers of Eszterháza from Spring to Autumn, Past and Present” will depart at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. The outdoor tours will take place only in good weather, are free of charge, but require prior registration.

- **When:** April 26th, 10:30h and 14:30h.
- **Where:** Main gate.
- **Target:** Appropriate for all age groups (recommended for children of school age and older).
- **Admission:** Register here: [info@eszterhaza.hu](mailto:info@eszterhaza.hu).

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# ESTERHÁZY CASTLE

FERTŐD, HUNGARY

HUNGARY

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | INDOOR & OUTDOOR GUIDED TOURS

### Indoor Program: Garden Inside the Palace – Flowers, Vines, and Fountains in the Interiors

A thematic guided tour focusing on the decorative and symbolic representation of gardens and plants.

During the walk, special attention will be given to rooms where nature-inspired motifs and botanical decorations create a unique atmosphere, including the Sala Terrena, the Belvedere, and the exquisite details of the chinoiserie walls. The aim of the tour is to help visitors appreciate not only the decoration but also the historical and artistic significance of garden culture and botanical ideas.

- **When:** April 26th, 13:00h
- **Where:** Main gate.
- **Target:** Appropriate for all age groups (recommended for children of school age and older).
- **Admission:** Register here: [info@eszterhaza.hu](mailto:info@eszterhaza.hu).

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# KÁROLYI KASTÉLY

FEHÉRVÁRCSURGO, HUNGARY

HUNGARY

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | GARDEN AND PARK WITH EYES AND HANDS

During the whole day families and children as well as adults will have the opportunity individually to discover the various aspects of the park and participate at various activities.

Some of them will have been prepared before such as the photo competition or the drawing exhibition but the results will be published on that day. Of course the participants will receive a “refreshment” at the end of the day (unless a boiling chocolate will be needed!)

- **When:** April 26th, 11:00-16:30h.
- **Target:** Children, families, adults.
- **Admission:** Included in the park admission ticket.



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### Detailed programme:

**11:00-12:30 Pm** | Gardening workshop with children + gardeners from Rioli Ltd.

**11:00-12:30 pm** | Dendrology walk on the new dendrological trail + with Tímea Kleszken

**14:00-14:15 pm** | The history of the castle park – lecture by Ágnes Fekete in the main hall of the Visitor Center.

**15:00 pm** | Opening of an exhibition featuring the most beautiful selected works from the announced photo and drawing competition.

- **Theme:** “The Beauty of Fallen Trees” – in the former washhouse.

**15:30-17:00 pm** | Parent–child workshop – family program from age 6 – former washhouse: Creating a picture in a plaster frame using “treasures of the forest”.

**15:30-16:30 pm** | Botanical walk with Orsolya Györök. Refreshment and some cakes for the children!

# ROYAL PALACE OF GÖDÖLLŐ

GÖDÖLLŐ, HUNGARY

HUNGARY

## APRIL 25-26<sup>TH</sup> | “TALES WITH PRINCE MAGNUS MOUSECASTLE” - Discovery package for families

With Prince Magnus Mousecastle, the number one mouse dweller of the Royal Palace of Gödöllő, you can discover the secret places, animals and plants of the palace park. With the help of the workbook, you can acquire knowledge in a playful way, and the park map helps you orientate.

- **When:** April 25-26th
- **Target:** Families, available in Hungarian, independent activity, available all day
- **Admission:** The self-discovery package can be found at the palace's ticket office this weekend at a discount of 500 HUF.



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## APRIL 25-26<sup>TH</sup> | ROYAL HILL PAVILION VISIT

Located around 200 metres from the Palace, the Royal Hill Pavilion is the only remaining building in the Palace Park which dates from the Baroque period. It was Antal Grassalkovich I who had the hexagonal pavilion built in the 1760s. There are 54 oil paintings depicting Hungarian leaders and kings incorporated into the paneled walls of the pavilion. The building was reconstructed in 2002. The set of pictures were re-created by means of advanced photographic technology in 2004, and since then the pavilion may be visited on guided tours.

- **When:** April 25-26th
- **Target:** All interested
- **Admission:** On this day from 10.0h0 to 16.0h0 it can be visited free of charge.

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# ROYAL PALACE OF GÖDÖLLŐ

GÖDÖLLŐ, HUNGARY

HUNGARY

## APRIL 25-26<sup>TH</sup> | “HISTORICAL GARDEN WALK”

We get acquainted with the construction history of the palace and the transformation of the park, including the English and French styles of garden and their uses. During the guided tour we also take a walk in the rarely visited front gardens.

- **When:** April 25th: 11:30 guided tour in English, 13:00 guided tour in German / April 26th: 13:00 and 15:00 guided tour in Hungarian.
- **Target:** All interested.
- **Admission:** Discounted ticket price 1.000 HUF/person.



## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | HISTORICAL WALK IN THE PALM HOUSE AND MINT EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

A guided walk in the Palm House Garden, presenting the history and unique features of the garden. The program is complemented by mint-themed experiences, including mint aroma recognition (smelling activity), mint syrup tasting, and a market of mint-based handmade products (teas, natural cosmetics). Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase special mint varieties such as chocolate mint, strawberry mint, apple mint, peppermint, and pineapple mint.

- **When:** April 26th: 11:00 and 14:00h.
- **Target:** Families, garden and plant enthusiasts, and those interested in herbs.
- **Admission:** Discounted ticket price 1.000 HUF/person.



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# NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN OF VÁCRÁTÓT

VÁCRÁTÓT, HUNGARY

HUNGARY

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | GARDEN HISTORIC WALK

### Enchanted by Plants for 150 Years – The Past and Present of the Garden of Vácrátót

The clatter of a horse-drawn carriage passing through the ornamental gate can be heard all the way to the entrance of the country mansion. In front of the building stretches a large meadow; winding garden paths, a gently flowing stream, mirror-smooth lakes, rolling hills, and groves shape the landscape, creating a truly bucolic atmosphere. Look—there a watermill wheel is turned by the flowing water, and over there a cave... or perhaps a tunnel? What might be inside? In the grove, the ruin of a Gothic-arched building can also be seen. What could it have been? Why did it fall into ruin? A hundred years ago, one could have enjoyed the sight of the garden of Vácrátót Botanical Garden only with a personal invitation from the noble Vigyázó family. Today, anyone can be a guest in the former aristocratic garden. Time carries us away on its wings.

But what in this landscape is the work of nature, and what was shaped by human hands? Together we will walk through the chapters of the garden's development, and by the end of the stroll we will even discover the connection between the garden's rocky tunnel and the Széchenyi Chain Bridge in Budapest, the relationship between the Vigyázó family and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and the surprising links among Vácrátót and the Exposition Universelle of 1900. During the walk, we will also recall the past with photographs from the late 19th century—past that is, in a way, also our present.

- **When:** April 26th, 14:00h
- **Where:** Meeting point: at 1:45 p.m. in front of the Berkenyeház.
- **Target:** All ages.
- **Admission:** The program is free of charge.

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# VILLA D'ESTE

TIVOLI, ITALY

ITALY

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | GUIDED TOUR OF EXHIBITION

"Where Heaven Meets the Human. Beijing's Summer Palace in Dialogue with Villa d'Este in Tivoli".

When two gardens around the world speak the same language—that of water, stone, and sky—silent bridges are born between distant civilizations.

It is in this dialogue that the exhibition "Where Heaven Meets the Human" (天人合一. The Summer Palace in Beijing at Villa d'Este) takes shape, on view at Villa d'Este (Tivoli) until 26th July 2026. The exhibition project arises from the encounter between two UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Summer Palace (Yíheyuan, 颐和园) in Beijing and Villa d'Este, a masterpiece of Italian Renaissance gardening.

Two symbolic places where nature and artifice, landscape and architecture, water and stone merge in a unified vision of the world, suspended between aesthetics and spirituality. The scientific and cultural objective of the exhibition is to investigate and explain the architectural, symbolic, and philosophical principles that guided the creation of the Summer Palace, relating them to European conceptions of the garden as a space of pleasure, wonder, and representation of power. Visitors will be taken on a journey between East and West, prompted to recognize unexpected affinities and profound differences in the way cultures translate the idea of harmony between heaven, earth, and human presence into visible forms.

- **When:** 26th April (Sunday), 11:00 a.m.
- **Target:** Families, adults, student groups.
- **Admission:** Regular ticketing. Free of charge.

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# REGGIA DI CASERTA

CASERTA, ITALY

ITALY

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | SENSORY TRAILS IN THE ENGLISH GARDEN

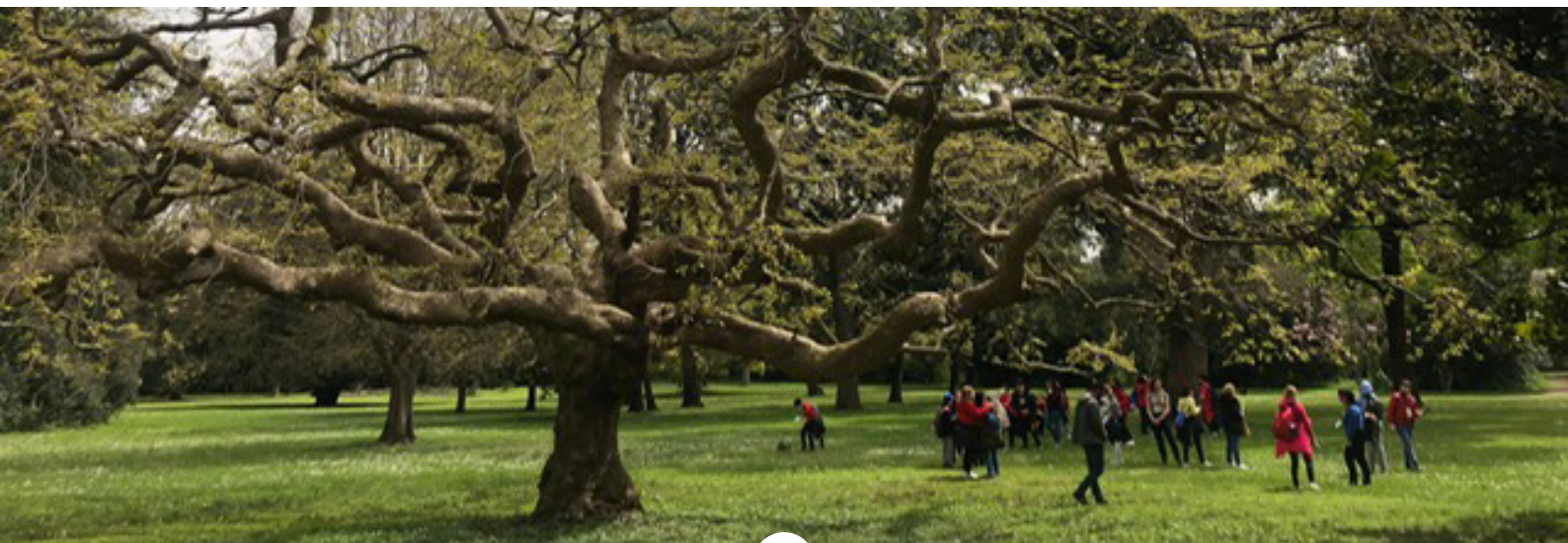
On Sunday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m., the Royal Palace of Caserta, a partner of the European Route of Historic Gardens (ERHG), will offer Sensory Trails in the English Garden, celebrating European Day of Historic Gardens

Museum staff will guide visitors to the English Garden to discover the seasonal and daily signs that nature has been sending us for over 200 years. Participation is free for all museum visitors with a Royal Palace ticket/season ticket. Reservations are not required.

- **When:** Sunday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.
- **Target:** General public.
- **Admission:** Participation is free for all museum visitors with a Royal Palace ticket/season ticket. Reservations are not required.



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# GIARDINI RAVINO

ISCHIA, ITALY

ITALY

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | "EUROPEAN ROUTES: 10 YEARS OF ERHG AT GIARDINI RAVINO."

Our goal is to raise awareness of the ERHG's mission while offering our visitors an immersive experience into our shared green heritage.

**Special Entrance:** We will offer a reduced entrance fee of €10.00 (instead of €12.00) for all visitors, and free entrance for all registered ERHG members throughout the day.

**Founder's Guided Tour (10:30 AM - 12:00 PM):** An exclusive tour led by the Founder of Giardini Ravino at the price of €20.00 instead of the regular €25.00. The narrative will focus on:

1. The significance of being part of the ERHG network and the value of protecting historic botanical sites.
2. The history and evolution of our unique succulent collection.
3. A final tasting of our signature Cactus Cocktail, handcrafted using seeds and fruits harvested directly from the garden.

**Digital Promotion:** The event will be broadcast via Live Stream on our official Facebook and Instagram channels to ensure international visibility for the ERHG anniversary.

- **When:** Founder's Guided Tour (10:30 AM - 12:00 PM).
- **Target:** General public.
- **Admission:** Reduced entry €10 (€12 standard); free for ERHG members. / Exclusive guided tour €20 (€25 standard)

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# MUSEUM OF KING JAN III'S PALACE AT WILANÓW

WILANÓW, POLAND

POLAND

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | DRAWING THE NATURE - NATURE JOURNALING IN WILANÓW

During a session led by an artist and naturalist, participants will learn field tools and drawing techniques, and then use them in the gardens to observe nature and create an artistic journal with natural notes.

We will prepare our own notebooks and set off to explore the Wilanów gardens. What will we sketch? Anything we wish—plants, animals, architecture, as well as weather conditions, scents, and moods. This will be a time to combine artistic practice, documentary precision, and much-needed mental relaxation.

- **When:** April 26th, 11:00 – notebook-making session; 13:00 – continuation of work with your notebook.
- **Where:** Wozownia and Wilanów gardens. MEETING POINT: Wozownia.
- **Target:** Children aged 7+, teenagers, and adults.
- **Admission:** Available online and at the Museum ticket office one month before the event.

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# MUSEUM OF KING JAN III'S PALACE AT WILANÓW

WILANÓW, POLAND

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## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | “SEE YOU IN THE MEADOW” – CULINARY WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES

From the series “A Sensory Guide  
to Historical Cuisine”



Let us travel back to a time when a spring meadow played as important a role as a pantry.

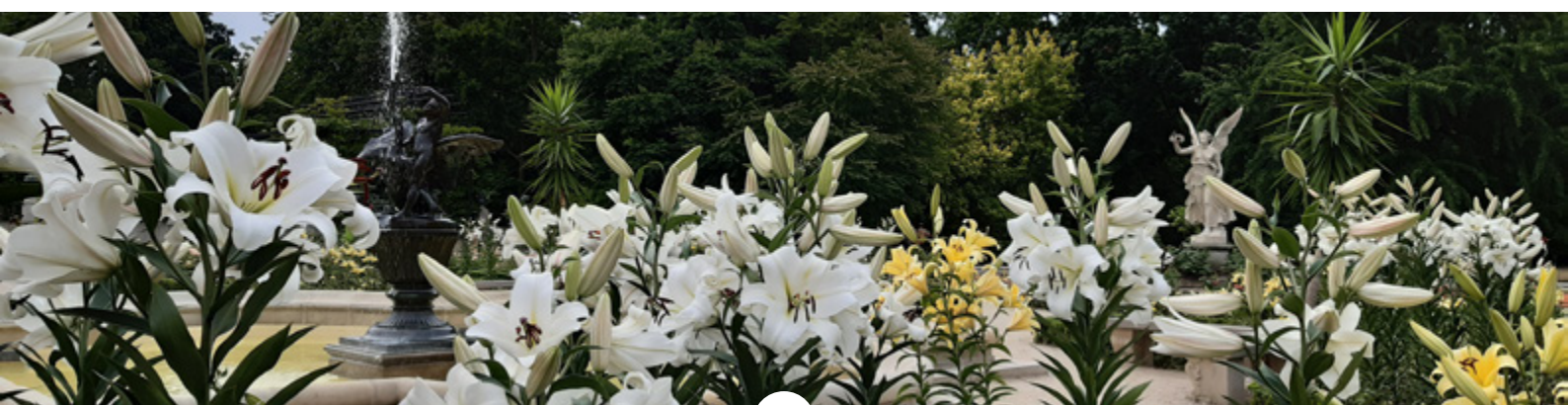
It was there that the first wild edible plants could be found. But to gather them, one had to observe carefully and take a closer look! During the workshop, we will learn to recognize selected species and discover what the appearance of plants revealed about their uses. Then we will prepare two dishes together using, among others, ingredients collected by ourselves.

- **When:** April 26th, 11:00–13:00h.
- **Where:** Villa Intrata.
- **Target:** Family workshops.
- **Admission:** 100 zł, 120 zł.

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# MUSEUM OF KING JAN III'S PALACE AT WILANÓW

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## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | A JOURNEY TO THE SOURCES OF TASTE

"A series of culinary  
workshops for adults".

There is a history behind every flavor – different taste trends dominated in different eras, cultivated by different social groups.

This is clearly visible in the pages of old cookbooks and culinary sources. This time, we'll take you on a journey to the origins of taste... Or rather, what? After all, each of us has different tastes. We're not just talking about the sensory experience we experience while eating. Taste can be a time machine, transporting us to distant corners of memory, allowing us to access things deeply rooted within us and shaping our identity.

We'll invite people who have long been exploring the subject of taste, both historically and contemporary, to join us on this journey. Our guests will share their stories about the search for and understanding of taste. We'll discuss perception, flavor combinations, and favorite recipes. The kitchen provides an excellent platform for exchanging experiences, and sharing a table over a shared meal will spark further discussions.

- **When:** April 26th, 15:00–18:00h.
- **Where:** Villa Intrata.
- **Target:** For adults.
- **Admission:** Reduced: PLN 250, Regular: PLN 300.

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# MUSEUM OF KING JAN III'S PALACE AT WILANÓW

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## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | BEE RHYTHMS | INTERGENERATIONAL WORKSHOPS

A one-day intergenerational event exploring the rhythms of life of bees and humans.

Participants will have the opportunity to walk through historic and utility palace gardens, learn about the role of bees in the lives of past generations, and take part in beeswax wrap-making workshops. The event is part of the series "Ordinary/Extraordinary," organized by the Museum of King Jan III's Palace at Wilanów.

- **When:** April 26th, 12:00–16:00h.
- **Where:** Willab, utility gardens, apiary, historic gardens.
- **Target:** Everyone.
- **Admission:** 10 PLN



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# MUSEUM OF KING JAN III'S PALACE AT WILANÓW

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WILANÓW, POLAND

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER | GARDEN WALK

A walk through the Wilanów gardens is part of many family stories.

Sometimes we visited them unknowingly—as infants, sometimes with parents, grandparents, or friends. Alone or in groups. But when we visit, do we really know the complex history, passion, and knowledge behind what surrounds us as we stroll along the park's many paths? If you want to know more, let's meet in the garden and discover the stories it reveals.

- **When:** April 26th, 13:30–15:30h.
- **Where:** Park and garden; meeting point at the palace ticket office in the forecourt
- **Target:** Teenagers, adults.
- **Admission:** Included in the park admission ticket.

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# MUSEUM OF KING JAN III'S PALACE AT WILANÓW

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WILANÓW, POLAND

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | A YEAR IN MORYSIN. DISCOVER THE FORMER ROMANTIC PARK | NATURE RESERVE WALK



This year's edition of the family walk series "A Year in Morysin" begins with celebrating the European Day of Historic Gardens together.

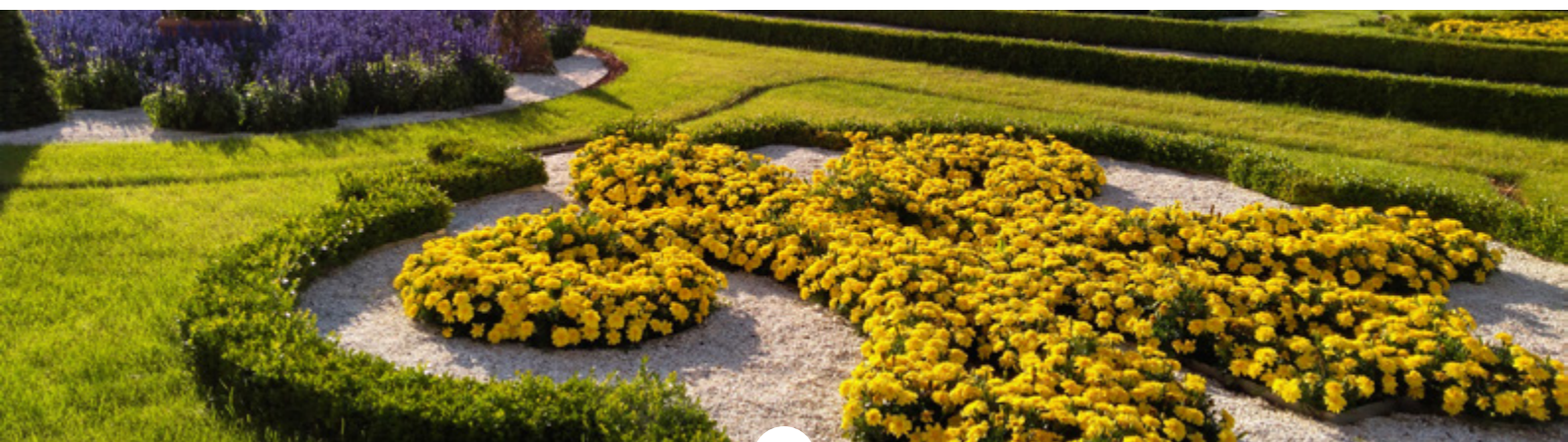
During the walk, we will focus on discovering the first signs of spring. We will observe changes in the forest floor, already full of energy, with the first flowers appearing and animals slowly emerging from winter hiding. During the walk, we will also learn about the survival strategies developed by plants in the reserve.

- **When:** April 26th, 11:00–14:00h.
- **Where:** Meeting point at the palace ticket office in the forecourt.
- **Target:** Teenagers, adults.
- **Admission:** Included in the park admission ticket.



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# ROYAL CASTLE GARDENS IN WARSAW

WARSAW, POLAND

POLAND

## APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> | GUIDED TOUR IN THE GARDEN WITH EXPERT: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND GARDENING EDUCATOR

Garden in the interior - the presence and language of plants in art.

A walk through the interiors of the Castle and a story about floral motifs in art and decoration - style, symbolism and craftsmanship.

- **When:** Sunday 19th of April from 12.00h till 13.30h.
- **Target:** For adults (group about 25 persons), in Polish.
- **Admission:** [Buy tickets here.](#)

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# ROYAL CASTLE GARDENS IN WARSAW

WARSAW, POLAND

POLAND

## APRIL 25-26<sup>TH</sup> | SPRING BLOOM AND THE MEMORY OF HERITAGE IN THE GARDENS OF THE ROYAL CASTLE IN WARSAW

Guided tour in the Garden with expert: landscape architect and gardening educator.



The April walk through the Royal Gardens, held in conjunction with European Day of Historic Gardens (EDHG), will lead participants along a path of natural discoveries and historical curiosities, and will also be a place of inspiration and respite from the hustle and bustle of the city and the rush of everyday life.

Participants will learn about the site's turbulent history and the intertwining styles from various periods of European garden art – from Baroque, through Neoclassicism, to 1930s Modernism. They will also experience the beauty and excitement of observing the spring changes in the garden, especially the blooming tulips.

There will also be discussions about plants and the sharing of practical gardening knowledge. We will also emphasize our pride in being a member of the European Route of Historic Gardens and our role in promoting the culture and values of European heritage.

- **When:** Saturday and Sunday (25 and 26th of April), from 13.00h till 14.30h.
- **Target:** For adults and families – groups about 25-30 people, in Polish.
- **Admission:** Free of charge (registration of participation required)



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# NATIONAL MUSEUM IN WARSAW NIEBOROW AND ARKADIA

NIEBOROW, POLAND

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | THE NATURE WALKS WITH STORIES ABOUT BIRDS AND INSECTS

An expert Kinga Nowak: education specialist in Bolimów Landscape Park, entomologist and ornithologist.



A spring walk through the park is a fascinating journey, during which nature comes to life, and a careful observer can spot protected species of plants, birds, and insects.

It's a time when the winter silence is broken by the sound of intense song, and the grayness gives way to the first vibrant colors. We are looking for:

1. Searching for Spring (First Trailers), flowers, bushes and trees.
2. Protected Birds (Song and Observation): Walking along the park paths, we listen and look for birds that are protected species in Poland.
3. Protected Insects (Little Treasures): On warm, sunny days, especially on the sunny edges of the park or near old, dead tree stumps, you can find protected insects.

- **When:** April 26th, 11:00h, 13:00h.
- **Target:** Families with children, adults; Groups of up to 50 people each, families with children, adults, and teenagers
- **Admission:** Included in the park admission ticket.



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# NATIONAL PALACE OF QUELUZ

PARQUES DE SINTRA, PORTUGAL

PORTUGAL

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | THE (EN)CHANTED WORD: FREEDOM IS A POEM

“Palavra (De)Cantada” is a performance where poetry, music, and voice intertwine to create an intimate and magical atmosphere.

“Freedom is a Poem” emerges as an evocative celebration of freedom, inspired by the spirit of April. With voice and interpretation by Sandra Celas, accompanied by the sound creation of Nuno Pereira, this performance offers a poetic and sonic journey where poems come to life, revealing a new way of experiencing both the “Poem” and the “Poets.”

- **When:** April 26, 7:00 PM. Meeting point: Main entrance of the Palace
- **Target:** General public.
- **Admission:** 25€/person.



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## APRIL 25-26<sup>TH</sup> | CARRIAGE RIDE

In a setting of great elegance, framed by the Baroque gardens of the National Palace of Queluz, horse-drawn carriage rides will take place, inviting visitors to step back in time.

Along this route, you can appreciate the harmony of the green spaces and discover how the court entertained itself during the summers of the 18th century. With an immersive and evocative atmosphere, this experience offers a unique moment of leisure and contemplation, ideal for those seeking to explore the heritage in a distinctive and immersive way.

- **When:** April 25 and 26, from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM
- **Target:** General public.
- **Admission:** Adults €10; children (ages 3–10) €5

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# NATIONAL PALACE OF QUELUZ

PARQUES DE SINTRA, PORTUGAL

PORTUGAL

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | WELLNESS SESSION

In the heart of spring, on April 26, during the celebration of the European Day of Historic Gardens, treat yourself to a rare moment: disconnect from the pace of everyday life and reconnect with what truly matters, in one of the most stunning settings in Sintra.

Come and experience the sweet, gentle yet refreshing aromas of the historic gardens of the National Palace of Queluz. Surrounded by nature, silence, and beauty, embark on a unique wellness experience that begins with an open-air yoga session led by Sara Garcia, inviting balance, lightness, and presence. The experience continues with a mantra circle, reinforcing the sense of introspection and shared connection that defines this celebration.

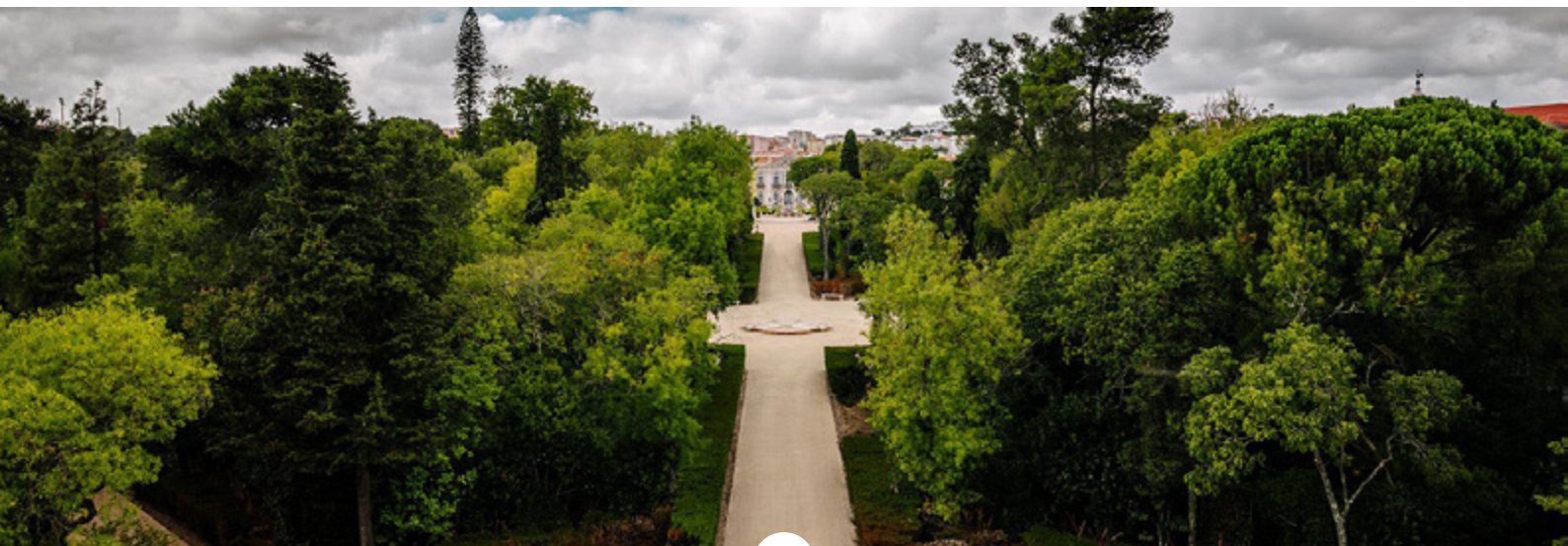
- **When:** 26th April, at 10:00h. Duration: 2h30 / Meeting point: Palace ticket office.
- **Target:** Ages 6+
- **Admission:** €15

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# PARK OF MONSERRATE

PARQUES DE SINTRA, PORTUGAL

PORTUGAL

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | GUIDED TOUR OF PARK OF MONSERRATE

As part of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the European Day of Historic Gardens, we invite you to join a guided tour of Monserrate Park, a jewel of Romanticism in Sintra.

In this experience, we will explore the “living museum” envisioned by Francis Cook, where the palace’s exotic architecture blends harmoniously with gardens featuring species from all five continents. From the mysticism of the Ruin, to the exuberance of the Mexico Garden, to the exoticism of the Monserrate Fern Valley, we will walk along paths that tell stories of botany, art, and the deep connection between humans and nature.

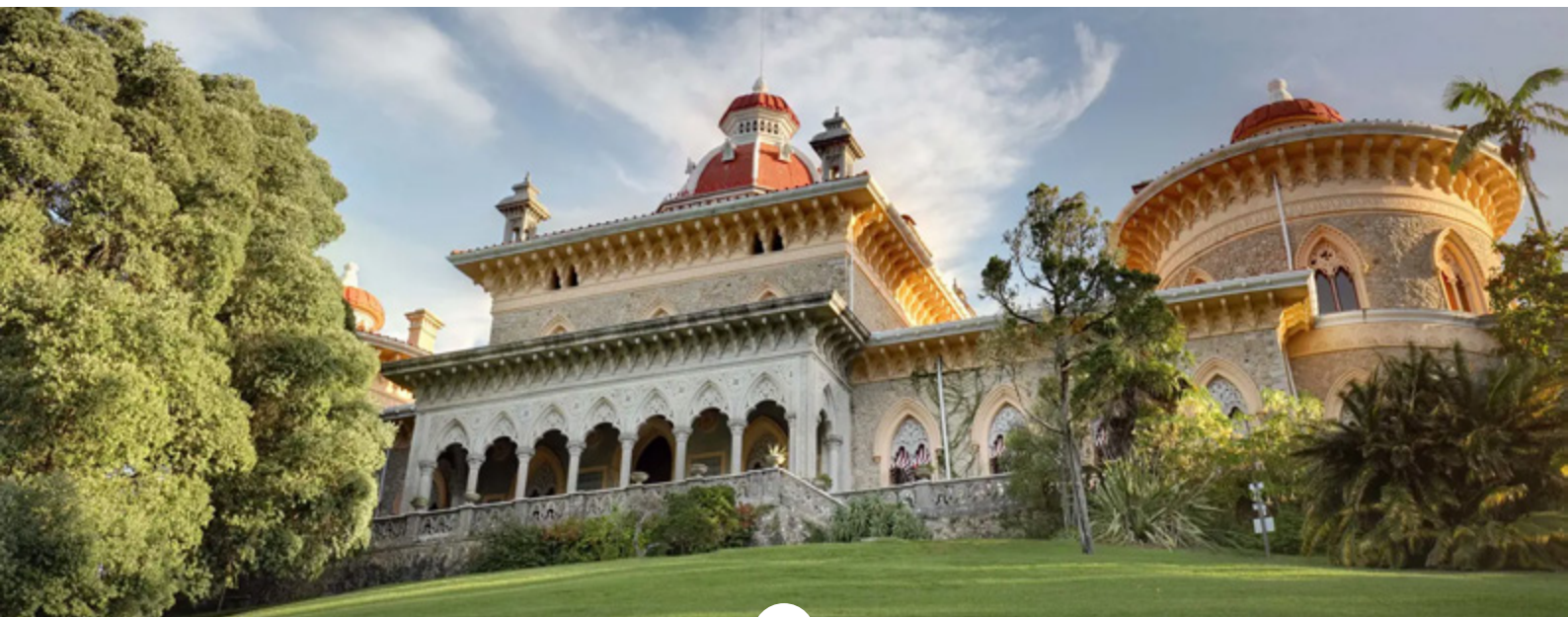
- **When:** April 26, 10:00 AM. Meeting point: Main entrance of the Palace
- **Target:** Youth and adults.
- **Admission:** Free.



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# PARK OF MONSERRATE

PARQUES DE SINTRA, PORTUGAL

PORTUGAL

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | PLANT PROPAGATION WORKSHOP

In an inspiring setting, surrounded by the natural beauty of the historic gardens, a plant propagation workshop will be held, led by a head gardener from Parques de Sintra.

This session will have a strong practical component, allowing participants to engage directly with fundamental techniques and acquire useful knowledge to apply in their daily lives. Throughout the activity, an accessible and participatory approach will be emphasized, promoting the sharing of knowledge and strengthening the connection with nature. This event will thus be an enriching experience, designed for anyone interested in deepening their engagement with the world of gardening.

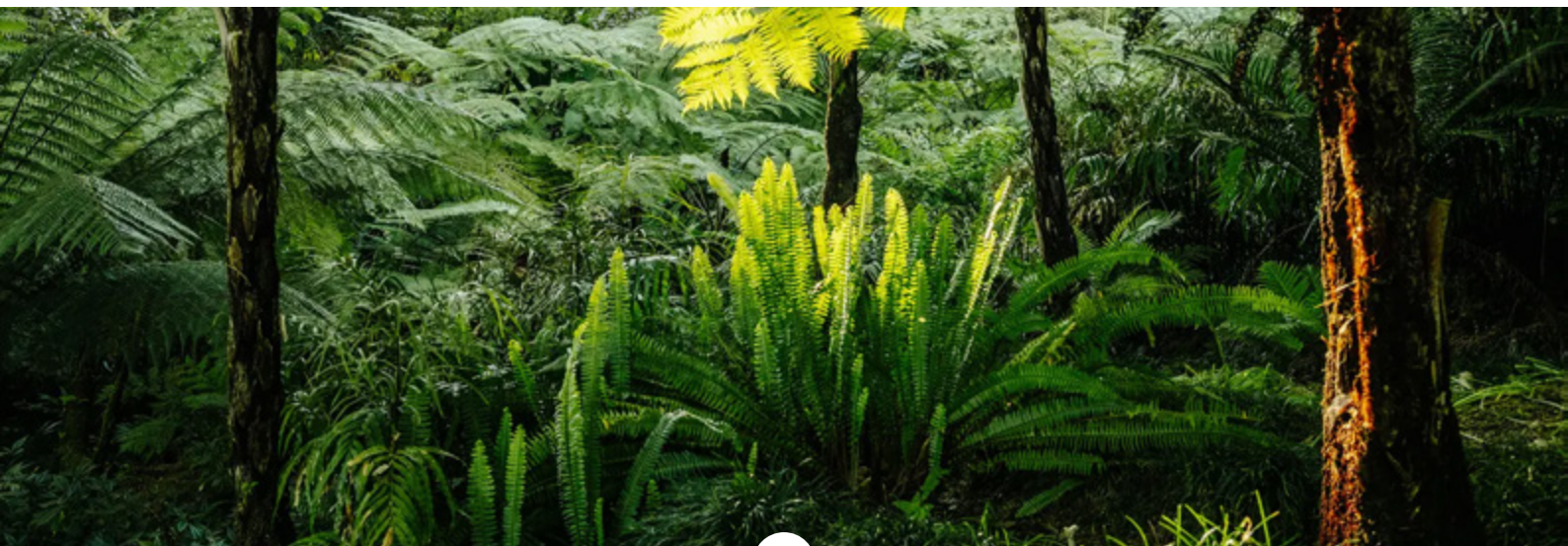
- **When:** April 26, 11:30 a.m. | At: Park of Monserrate. CIN – Centro de Interpretação da Natureza.
- **Target:** Youth and adults.
- **Admission:** Free / Maximum capacity: 20 people.



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# PARK OF MONSERRATE

PARQUES DE SINTRA, PORTUGAL

PORTUGAL

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | ORCHID WORKSHOP

In an inspiring setting, surrounded by the natural beauty of the historic gardens, a workshop dedicated to orchids will be held, led by an expert in the cultivation of these plants.

This session will have a strong practical component, allowing participants to acquire essential knowledge about caring for these plants, including repotting, dividing plants, fertilizing, and encouraging flowering. Throughout the activity, an accessible and participatory approach will be emphasized, promoting the sharing of knowledge and strengthening the connection with nature. This event will thus be an enriching experience, designed for anyone interested in deepening their involvement with orchid cultivation.

- **When:** April 26, 3:00 p.m. | At: Park of Monserrate. CIN – Centro de Interpretação da Natureza.
- **Target:** Youth and adults.
- **Admission:** Free / Maximum capacity: 20 people.



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## FINCA RAIXA

BUNYOLA, MALLORCA, SPAIN

SPAIN

### APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> | BOTANICAL STAMP WORKSHOP

“The Journey Of Plants And Their Impact On The Current Identity Of Historic Gardens”

Participants will create prints using leaves, flowers, and other plant elements coated with paint or ink and stamped directly onto paper or fabric. Through this creative process, the workshop invites participants to reflect on the historical journeys of plants—how species introduced through exploration, trade, and cultural exchange have shaped the visual identity and botanical richness of historic gardens.

- **When:** Friday, April 17th - 18:00h
- **Target:** General public.
- **Admission:** Prior registration is required.



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### APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> | CYANOTYPE WORKSHOP

An early photographic technique that uses a light-sensitive emulsion to produce deep blue images on materials such as paper or fabric. Using plant forms as subjects, participants will explore how documenting botanical shapes and textures can tell stories about plant migration, cultivation, and the lasting influence these species have had on the character and identity of historic gardens.

- **When:** Saturday, April 18th - 11:00h
- **Target:** General public.
- **Admission:** Prior registration is required.

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# FINCA RAIXA

BUNYOLA, MALLORCA, SPAIN

SPAIN

## APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> | GUIDED TOUR

### Raixa and Cardinal Despuig: "The Journey of Plants and Their Impact on the Current Identity of Historic Gardens."



This guided visit will explore the history of the gardens of Raixa through the figure of Cardinal Despuig, a key promoter of cultural and scientific exchange in the 18th century.

A humanist, collector, and traveler, Despuig spent long periods in Italy where he came into contact with classical culture, art, and the garden traditions of the time. Inspired by these experiences, he transformed the estate of Raixa, introducing new artistic and landscape ideas and fostering the introduction and cultivation of plant species that reflected the Mediterranean connections of the period.

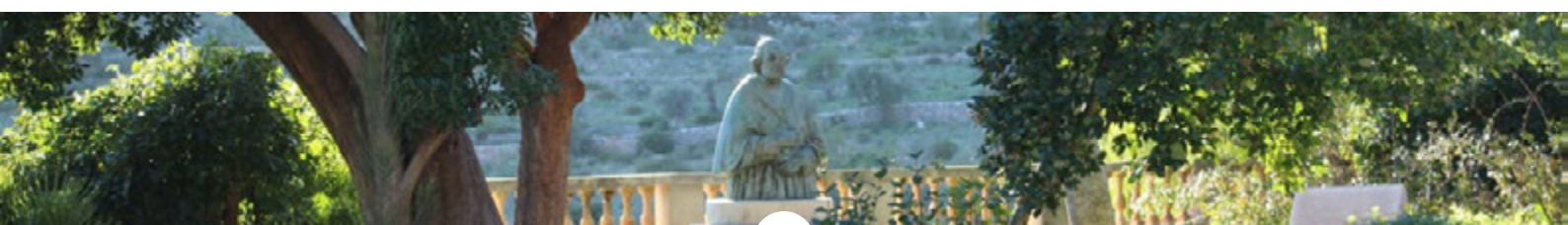
The visit will highlight how Despuig's intellectual curiosity, travels, and interest in botany contributed to shaping the identity of the gardens, illustrating how the movement of plants across territories has left a lasting imprint on historic landscapes.

- **When:** Friday, April 24th - 18:00h
- **Target:** General public.
- **Admission:** Prior registration is required.

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# SANTA CLOTILDE GARDENS

LLORET DE MAR, SPAIN

SPAIN

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | OPEN DAY FOR VISITORS

- **When:** Open day from 10:00h to 20:00h.
- **Target:** All audiences.
- **Admission:** Entry without reservation.



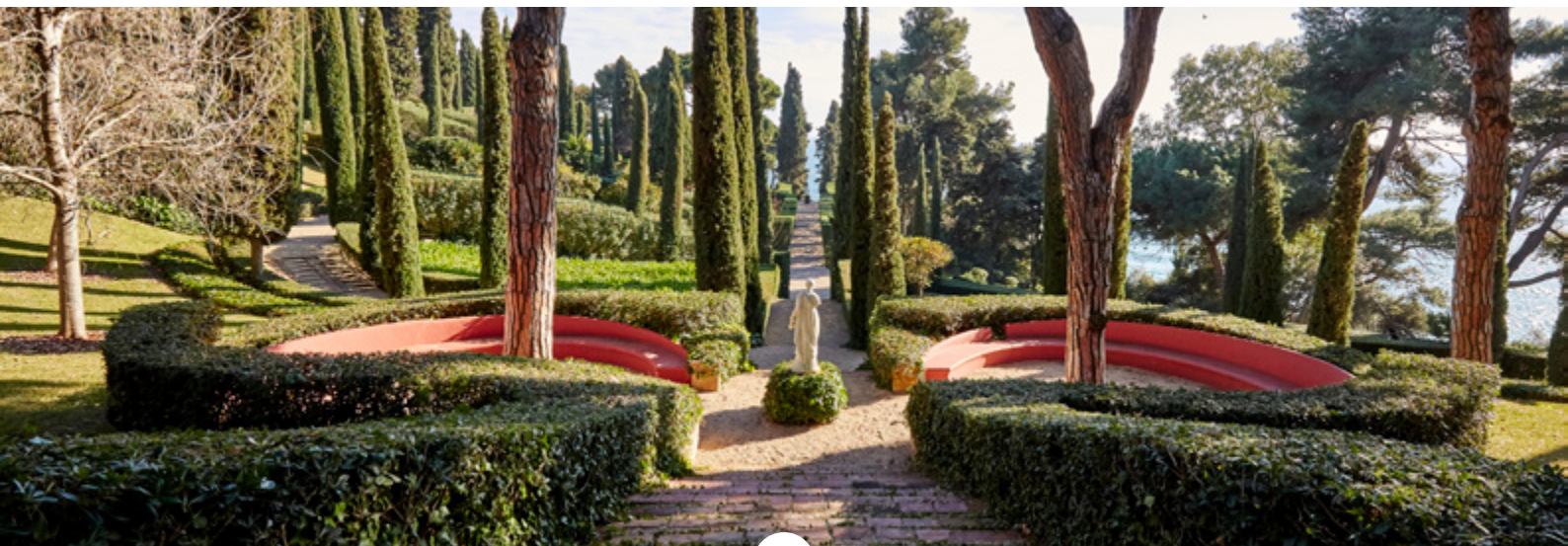
## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | GUIDED VISIT TO THE SANTA CLOTILDE GARDENS

"Historic gardens make Europe grow".

- **When:** Guided tour at 17:00h.
- **Target:** All audiences.
- **Admission:** Entry with reservation ticket: [patrimoni.lloret.cat](http://patrimoni.lloret.cat)



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# PARC SAMÀ

CAMBRILS, SPAIN

SPAIN

## APRIL 13-26<sup>TH</sup> | A CELEBRATION WITH A PURPOSE: PLANTING THE FUTURE AT PARC SAMÀ



To mark the VII European Day of Historic Gardens, Parc Samà is organising a special initiative aimed at schools, which will carry out activities in the park between 13 and 26 April.

This is an educational initiative that combines science, environmental awareness and active participation through a tree-planting activity with the schools. Each school will plant a small tree in one of the areas affected by the downburst of February 2026, an extreme weather event that caused several trees in the historic garden to fall.

- **When:** 13–26th April.
- **Target:** Schools.
- **Admission:** Included in the park admission ticket.



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# EL BOSQUE DE BÉJAR

SALAMANCA, SPAIN

SPAIN

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE BÉJAR FOREST. APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES



### Presentation of Study Results and Interactive Workshop.

Over the past four years, various investigations have been carried out in areas such as the formal garden, the orchard, and the dye pond, revealing the historical evolution and chronology of the garden through surveys and geophysical methods.

A technical workshop is planned to present the results of this research, with the participation of students and professors from the University of Salamanca's Faculty of Translation and Interpreting, Museography and Heritage, and other educational institutions in Béjar, as well as professionals in the field of cultural heritage. The workshop will also analyze the garden's similarities to other European examples.

- **When:** April 26th, 2026.
- **Target:** Students, professors and professionals in the field of cultural heritage..
- **Admission:** Included in the park admission ticket.



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# EL BOSQUE DE BÉJAR

SALAMANCA, SPAIN

SPAIN

## APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> | CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: GARDENS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE

A gymkhana will be held in the garden to find puzzle pieces depicting European countries with historic gardens included in the Cultural Route, using images of these gardens.

The puzzle will then be assembled collaboratively by all participants.

- **When:** April 29th, from 10:00h to 14.00h.
- **Target:** Schoolchildren.
- **Admission:** Included in the park admission ticket.

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# HUERTO DEL CURA GARDEN

ALICANTE, SPAIN

SPAIN

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | FAST-PAINTING COMPETITION DAY



The painting competition is conceived as an activity of public engagement and awareness-raising, fostering the artistic interpretation of the historic garden as a space of European cultural identity.

Held in the garden itself, the competition is designed for works to be created in situ, allowing artists to observe and interpret this National Artistic Garden directly from the landscape.

In line with the theme “Historic Gardens Grow Europe” and with the objectives of education, civic engagement and heritage valorisation promoted by the European Route of Historic Gardens (ERHG) and the Council of Europe, we are pleased to hold this competition to enable the artistic interpretation of the cultural, historical and emotional value of the Garden, reinforcing the idea of gardens as spaces for learning and places to share the European identity.

- **When:** 26th April, 2026 (from 10:00am to 17:00).
- **Target:** Schoolchildren.
- **Admission:** €15 registration fee for participants, with limited places.



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# PAZO QUINTEIRO DA CRUZ

RIBADUMIA, PONTEVEDRA, SPAIN

SPAIN

## APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> | DIALOGUE TABLE

### "Historic Gardens Grow Europe"

Beatriz Piñeiro Lago, Cristina García Fontán, Guillermo Rodríguez Barreiro, Pedro Piñeiro Lago

- **When:** April 25th
- **Target:** Garden experts.
- **Admission:** Entry with reservation.

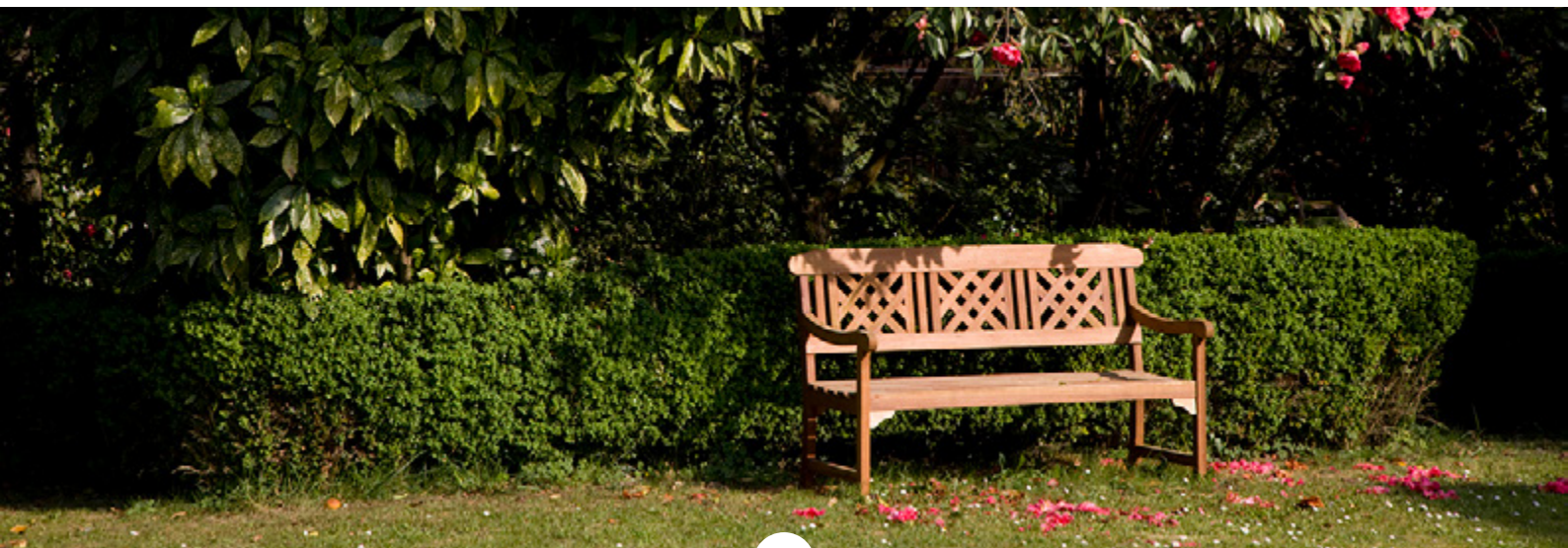


## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | GUIDED TOUR OF THE GARDEN

- **When:** April 26th.
- **Target:** Open public.
- **Admission:** Included in the park admission ticket.



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# SCHLOSS WALDEGG

FELDBRUNNEN-ST.NIKLAUS/SOLOTHURN, SWITZERLAND

SWITZERLAND

## APRIL 26TH | GUIDED TOUR "THE TREES OF WALDEGG CASTLE"

On the occasion of European Day of Historic Gardens, a guided tour will take place at 11 a.m. with a special focus on the trees of Waldegg Castle.

The gardens at the Castle of Waldegg essentially consist of four parts: the raised baroque south parterre with the entrance portal in front, the orangery parterre, the kitchen garden and the summer linden trees planted around 1700 in the cour d'honneur with their original fivefold arrangement (quincunx).

- **When:** April 26th, 11:00h, duration: 1 hour (In German, with Martin Erb, tree expert).
- **Target:** Adults.
- **Admission:** CHF 15.- Registration required at: [waldegg@dbk.so.ch](mailto:waldegg@dbk.so.ch)



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# SCHLOSS WILDEGG

MÖRIKEN-WILDEGG, SWITZERLAND

SWITZERLAND

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | GUIDED TOUR THROUGH THE BAROQUE GARDEN

Wildegge Castle invites you to a guided tour of the Baroque garden at 11.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the European Day of Historic Gardens.

The garden was laid out in 1700 by Bernhard Effinger, lord of the manor, based on the gardens of Versailles, and is one of the most important Baroque gardens in Switzerland. In collaboration with ProSpecieRara, old crops and rare vegetable varieties are grown here. The Baroque garden and the castle's rose garden can also be explored independently throughout the day.

- **When:** April 26th, 11:30h and 14:00h, duration: 1 hour (In German).
- **Target:** General public.
- **Admission:** No Registration required. The guided tours are included in the museum admission fee. Regular discounts (including museum pass, MemberPlus Raiffeisen card) are valid.



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# LE CHÂTEAU DE PRANGINS

PRANGINS, SWITZERLAND

SWITZERLAND

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | GUIDED FAMILY TOUR: "THE HISTORY OF THE KITCHEN GARDEN"

On the occasion of the European Day of Historic Gardens, two guided tours in the Kitchen Garden will take place at the Château de Prangins, one at 11:00 and the other at 15:00.

The Kitchen Garden of the Château de Prangins is Switzerland's largest historic kitchen garden. In 2025, it became a member of the European Route of Historic Gardens, which is now celebrating its 10th anniversary. Come and visit this magnificent kitchen garden, recognise the plants, fruits and vegetables that were already being grown in the 18th century, and discover anecdotes about its history and architecture.

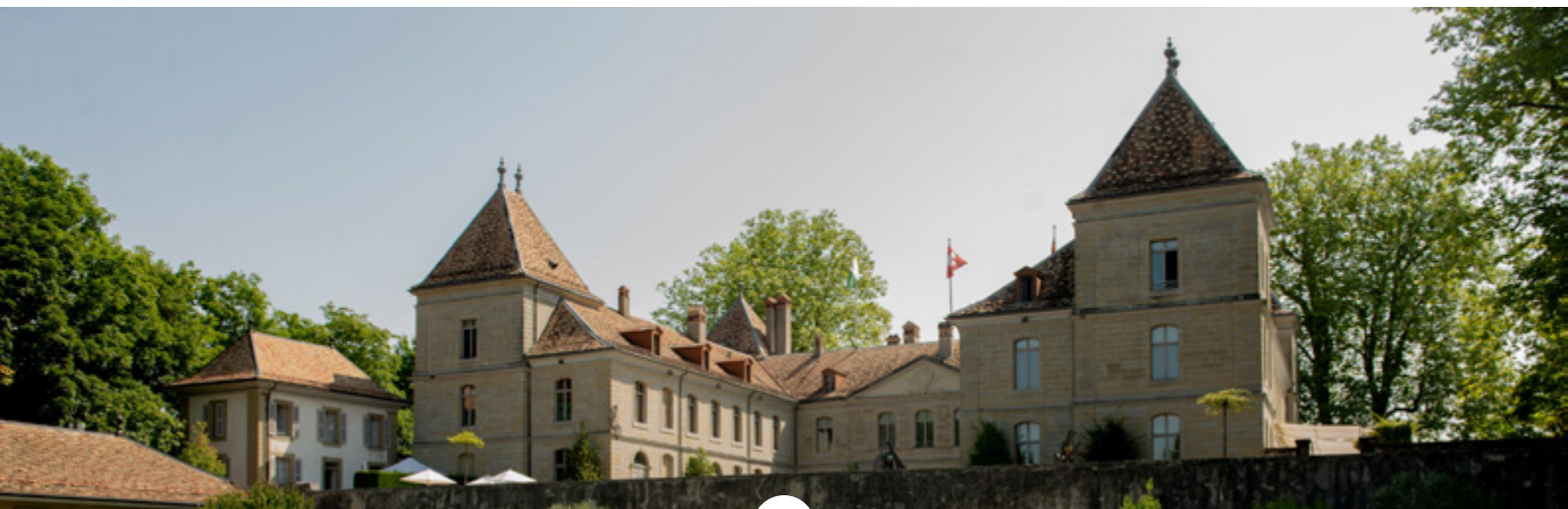
- **When:** April 26th, 11:00h to 11:45h and 15:00h to 15:45h.
- **Target:** Families.
- **Admission:** No Registration required. CHF 13.- or included in the museum admission fee.

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# NATIONAL DENDROLOGICAL PARK “SOFIYIVKA”

UMAN, UKRAINE

UKRAINE

## APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> | SPECIAL GUIDED WALKS "HISTORIC GARDENS GROW EUROPE"



The sightseeing tours, during which guests of “Sofiyivka” will get acquainted with the history, architecture, and plant treasures of the park, will be enriched with additional information in accordance with the theme of this year's European Day of Historic Gardens.

These are topics such as “History of Landscape Art from Ancient Times to the Present Day”, “Ukraine in the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe”, “Ancient Mythology and History” and others. Experienced, qualified tour guides who have experience working with both adult and children's audiences will make an interesting story about the natural, artistic and scientific significance of the European Gardens and their historic connections.

- **When:** April 26, 2026, throughout the day.
- **Target:** The guided walks are aimed at a wide range of audiences: Adults, children of different ages, family groups, pupils and students of educational institutions, employees of educational, scientific and cultural institutions, nature and history lovers, etc.

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