

21 Celebrated Gardens From The Alhambra to Highgrove and Beyond: A Journey Through Horticultural History

Gardens have long been a source of inspiration, beauty, and tranquility. From the ancient Hanging Gardens of Babylon to the modern-day marvels of Versailles, they have captured the imagination of people around the world.

This article takes a journey through some of the most celebrated gardens in history, from the iconic Alhambra in Spain to the charming Highgrove House in England. Along the way, we will explore the horticultural wonders, landscape design, and historical significance of these green retreats.



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The Gardens of the Alhambra

Nestled in the heart of Andalusia, Spain, the Alhambra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is renowned for its architectural splendor and beautiful

gardens. The gardens were designed in the 13th century by the Nasrid dynasty, and they reflect the Moorish influences that were prevalent in Spain at the time.

The gardens are divided into three main courtyards: the Court of the Lions, the Court of the Myrtles, and the Court of the Harem. Each courtyard has its own unique features, but they all share a common theme of lush vegetation, flowing water, and intricate tilework.



The Gardens of Versailles

The Gardens of Versailles are one of the most famous and iconic gardens in the world. They were designed by André Le Nôtre in the 17th century for King Louis XIV, and they represent the epitome of French Baroque garden design.

The gardens are vast and elaborate, with over 1,000 acres of manicured lawns, fountains, sculptures, and flower beds. They are divided into several different sections, including the Orangerie, the Grand Canal, and the Bosquet of the Apollo.



The Gardens of Versailles

The Gardens of Highgrove House

Highgrove House is the private residence of King Charles III of England. The gardens at Highgrove are known for their organic and sustainable approach to gardening, as well as their emphasis on biodiversity.

The gardens are divided into several different areas, including a wildflower meadow, a vegetable garden, and a woodland garden. They are home to a wide variety of plants and animals, and they provide a beautiful and serene setting for the royal family.



The Gardens of Giverny

The Gardens of Giverny are the former home and gardens of the Impressionist painter Claude Monet. The gardens were designed by Monet himself, and they are known for their beautiful water lilies, Japanese bridges, and weeping willows.

The gardens are divided into two main areas: the Clos Normand, which is the main flower garden, and the Water Garden, which is home to the famous water lilies. The gardens are a popular tourist destination, and they

provide a glimpse into the life and work of one of the world's most famous artists.



The Gardens of Giverny

The Gardens of Villa D'Este

Villa D'Este is a Renaissance villa in Tivoli, Italy. The villa is known for its beautiful gardens, which were designed in the 16th century by Pirro Ligorio.

The gardens are divided into several different terraces, each with its own unique water features. The most famous feature of the gardens is the Fountain of Neptune, which is a large and elaborate fountain that is surrounded by statues of mythological figures.



The Gardens of Keukenhof

Keukenhof is a flower garden in Lisse, Netherlands. The garden is known for its vast array of tulips, which bloom in a riot of colors each spring.

Keukenhof is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Netherlands, and it attracts over a million visitors each year. The garden is a feast for the senses, and it is a must-see for any lover of flowers.



The Gardens of Keukenhof

The Gardens of Butchart

The Gardens of Butchart are located in Brentwood Bay, British Columbia, Canada. The gardens were created by Jennie Butchart in the early 20th century, and they are now one of the most popular tourist attractions in the province.

The gardens are divided into several different sections, including a rose garden, a Japanese garden, and an Italian garden. They are home to a wide variety of plants and flowers, and they provide a beautiful and tranquil setting for visitors.



The Gardens of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most important botanical gardens in the world. The gardens were founded in 1759, and they are home to over 30,000 different plant species.

The gardens are divided into several different sections, including a Temperate House, a Palm House, and a Rose Garden. They are a popular destination for tourists and scientists alike, and they provide a valuable resource for botanical research.



The Gardens of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

The Gardens of Longwood

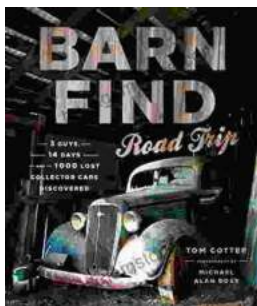
Longwood Gardens is a botanical garden in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. The gardens were founded in the early 19th century by

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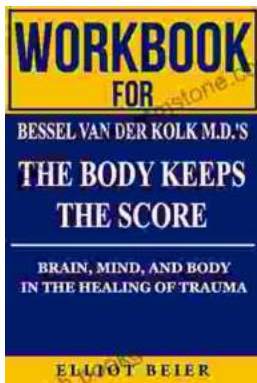


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