

# Die großen Gärten

For many decades after World War II, the cross-border region east of Vienna, which had had a common cultural heritage, was divided for political reasons. This division was symbolised and embodied by the 'Iron Curtain' between Austria on one side and Hungary and Slovakia on the other. Since the opening of the borders, the neighbouring states have started to rediscover their common cultural roots. In the region there are many parks of outstanding significance in terms of garden history.

The EU-project 'Die Großen Gärten' ('The Great Gardens') has established a network of parks in order to support the conservation of historic gardens, develop a common tourism concept and a cross-border contribution to regional development.

Today 'The Great Gardens' include the the Esterházy Parks at Eisenstadt (Austria) and Fertőd (Hungary), 'Harrachpark' in Bruck/Leitha as well as the country house parks of Eckartsau, Marchegg (Austria), Rusovce, Malacky (Slovakia) and Krasków (Poland), representing different styles but similarly high garden culture.



## Highlights you should not miss:

(The encircled symbols help you to find the features on the general plan inside)

### Rusovce Palace

A

In the past, the grandeur of the southern view of the neo-Gothic palace building was reinforced by a path lined with box trees and yews.



### Plane Avenue

(*Platanus x acerifolia*)

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A stroll through the avenue of massive plane trees is an unforgettable experience.



### Spanish Fir

(*Abies pinsapo*)

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Right behind the sculpture, there is a Spanish fir. It was only after 1837 that the tree which is typical for the south of the Apennine Peninsula also spread to the other parts of Europe, where it was regarded as a species of special dendrological interest.

### Summer Oak

(*Quercus robur* "Fastigiata")

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The column shape of the summer oak is one of the dendrological highlights of the palace garden.

### St. Veit

B

Near the palace buildings, hidden between old trees, stands a Romanesque church whose magical aura will cast a spell on every visitor.



Highlights  
Rusovce Palace Garden

