

# Die großen Gärten

For many decades, the common cultural area east of Vienna had been divided for political reasons. This division was symbolised by the "Iron Curtain" between Austria on one side and Hungary and Slovakia on the other side of it. The opening of the borders led to a rapprochement between the neighbouring states and also to a rediscovery of their common cultural roots.

In the border area of Austria – Hungary – Slovakia, the parks of the Esterházy and Harrach families, which are in a remarkable state of preservation, are among those of outstanding importance in terms of garden culture.

The cross-border EU-project "The Great Gardens" has established a network of parks, which supports the conservation of historical gardens, aims at a common tourism concept and constitutes a cross-border contribution to regional development.

Today, "The Great Gardens" include the Palace Gardens of Eckartsau, Marchegg, Rusovce, Malacky and Krasków (Poland), the Esterházy Palace Gardens at Eisenstadt and Fertőd (Hungary) as well as the so-called 'Harrachpark' in Bruck/Leitha. All parks - except for the baroque garden at Fertőd - are english gardens.



## Highlights you should not miss:

(The encircled numbers help you to find the trees on the general plan inside)

### Cutleaf European Beech

(*Fagus sylvatica asplenifolia*)

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The main characteristic of this rare cultivar are its slit leaves. The Harrachpark features a particularly beautiful specimen with four trunks.



### Oriental Plane

(*Platanus orientalis*)

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This plane species has its origins in South-East-Europe and Asia Minor and is a rarity in Central Europe.



### Incense Cedar

(*Calocedrus decurrens*)

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The name of this evergreen coniferous tree, which can be primarily found in Oregon and California, is based on the purifying and curative effect resulting from burning the cedar tips.

### Japanese Zelkova, Keaki Tree

(*Zelkova serrata*)

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In its native habitats (Japan, China, Korea) the zelkova is a popular park and temple tree. In Europe, it is especially known by bonsai friends. Therefore the "fully grown" specimen in the Harrachpark represents a special rarity.

### Swamp Cypress

(*Taxodium distichum*)

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This summergreen coniferous tree is native to North America. The swamp cypress in the Harrachpark is one of the oldest specimens in Central Europe.



Highlights

Harrachpark

