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EMBRACE THE FLORAL SYMPHONY : FLOWER SHOWS OF THE WORLD

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ABSTRACT

The International Flower Festival & Show is a global event that celebrates floral diversity, creativity, and cultural exchange. It serves as a platform for horticultural enthusiasts, florists, and botanists to exchange ideas and showcase their expertise. Attendees will experience a sensory journey through a kaleidoscope of colors, fragrances, and textures, from traditional garden displays to avant-garde floral installations. The festival emphasizes cross-cultural dialogue and collaboration, with international exhibitors presenting their unique botanical treasures. Interactive workshops, demonstrations, and cultural performances will deepen visitors' understanding of diverse floral traditions and ecological conservation efforts. The event also aims to raise awareness about preserving biodiversity and safeguarding natural heritage for future generations.

Keywords : Flower festival, Horticulture, Garden, Biodiversity

INTRODUCTION

While there are some historic registrations from the 16th century, the majority of garden visits are from the 20th and 21st centuries. Before the early Victorian era (1830–1848), when members of the upper class visited country homes, gardens were visited in Great Britain (Connel, 2003). Additionally, in the 16th century, a number of English lords, politicians, and other wealthy individuals began constructing rural homes and gardens for their own enjoyment (Connel, 2003).

The first garden visitor to record his observations about gardens was Michel de Montaigne, a prominent philosopher of the 16th-century French Renaissance, in his 1580 publication "Essais" (Michel de Montaigne, 2020). The 17th-century garden enthusiast Louis XIV penned "Manière de Montrer les Jardins de Versailles," an unnamed guidebook for touring the palace's grounds (Louis XIV, 2013). This guide describes the locations and viewpoints, reflecting his staff's idea of an amazing garden. It is regarded as a Royal Law and was written by him.

The 18th century saw the dissemination and stimulation of garden concepts for both domestic and foreign tourists who were keen to view the landscapes on their own (Connell, 2005). It wasn't until the late 1800s that garden enthusiast and writer John Evelyn (1620–1706) began recording in his journal his travels to gardens in France and Italy, including descriptions of the trees he saw (Evelyn, 2020).

With the establishment of the National Garden Scheme in England in 1927, successful garden tourism got underway. Gardens of England and Wales Open for Charity is a project that allows the public to visit over 3500 private gardens in England and Wales on specific dates in support of charitable causes. The organizers screen the garden participants, who must be of high caliber, exhibit integrity, and pique the interest of those who attend for charitable purposes (McMillan and Plumptre, 2019). "The Garden Visitor's Handbook" contains all of the information on the gardens (previously the Yellow Book). The Queen's Nursing Institute, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Macmillan Cancer Support, and other organizations are supported by the funds raised; the current patron is Charles, Prince of Wales (McMillan and Plumptre, 2019). Modern living in densely populated cities has raised demand for green spaces like parks, botanical gardens, historic gardens, and others, making these areas increasingly valuable (Gastal et al., 2018a).



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Since they understand the value of flowers as cultural goods, many nations, including the Netherlands, Japan, and China, have hosted a variety of flower shows to support the expansion of the flower business. The government of Chungnam Province intends to open the world flower show in Anmyon-Do on April 26, 2002, as part of its efforts to elevate the regional flower industry to a highly esteemed agricultural and exporting sector. It is anticipated that this flower exhibition, the first of its kind organized by the local government and including mega-event tourism, will help kickstart the flower industry and allied businesses in the Chungnam region.

If the flower show doesn't contribute enough to expand its influence on the post-growth of the local flower industry, it might not be considered a success. In order to sustain the post-Anmyon-Do flower fair festival boom and support the growth of flower agriculture and its related industries, the following strategies were proposed in this paper: 1) inviting different flower business activities into exhibition places; 2) creating a tourist-attracting flower village town; 3) developing the flower R&D center; and 4) setting up a helping center for fledgling flower business groups.

Gardening has been more and more popular in the last few years. To increase individual access to more reasonably priced, better-tasting, and healthier produce, more people are growing their own food (Marsh 1998; Ferris et al. 2001; Lawson 2005; NGA 2009; MacVean 2009). 36 million homes grew fruits, vegetables, and herbs in backyard gardens in 2008; that figure is projected to increase by 19% in 2009 (NGA 2009). As private access to land becomes more limited, community gardens are becoming more and more popular as a source of food (Lawson 2005; MacVean 2009). An estimated one million households make use of community garden plots, and an additional five million have indicated their desire to create communal plots within their communities (NGA 2009).

Flower shows organized in all over the world & India : 1. Philadelphia Flower Show



Fig: 1 : https://cthort.org/event/philadelphia-flower-show-march-8-10/

When: Every year in March, Philadelphia hosts a 10-day floral exhibition. Where: The Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 is the venue where the concert is being held.

About: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has been hosting the Philadelphia Flower Show since 1829. Landscapers, floral designers, and gardeners collaborate to create breathtaking arrangements that are inspired by the annual theme of the floral exhibition. Outstanding displays are recognized with blue, red, or white ribbons.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) has been showcasing stunning new plants, thought-provoking architectural ideas, and cutting-edge environmental techniques to the American public at its annual show since its founding in 1829. Originally a small showcase of fruits, vegetables, and flowers in a 19th-century Masonic Hall, the event later grew into the Philadelphia Civic Center, finished transforming ten acres of the Pennsylvania Convention Center in the 21st century, and blossomed into the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, the largest indoor horticultural event in the world. A quarter of a million people visit the city each year for the nine-day festival of incredible gardens and exquisite flower and landscape design.





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Fig: 2 : https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g186338-d10020593-Reviews-RHS_Chelsea_Flower_Show-London_England.html

When: Every year, the Chelsea Flower Show takes place over five days in May. Where: The performance takes place on the Chelsea grounds of the Royal Hospital in London. About: Since 1912, the Chelsea Flower Show has been organized by the Royal Horticultural Society. More than 150,000 people visit it every year, making it one of the biggest in the world. Over the years, the fairgrounds have grown to accommodate larger and larger visitors. The show's theme is the renowned British gardens, and contestants fight to win ribbons for their masterpieces in gold, silver-gilt, bronze, and gold.

The Chelsea Flower Show's history starts in 1827, when it was held at the RHS gardens in Chiswick and had a dance marquee; this includes its tenure at Temple before moving to Chelsea in 1913. It has now been in Chelsea for a century, but because of brief hiatuses during the world wars, there haven't been 100 flower displays. The book is organized chronologically, with each chapter summarizing important concepts and historical figures. Having said so, several topics are discussed in multiple chapters that are related to one another.

For instance, each chapter has parts on important species, creating the show gardens, and arranging and planting. Half-page inserts titled "My Chelsea" are scattered throughout the book, offering people including designers, broadcasters, judges, managers, photographers, landscape architects, and nurserymen and women the chance to consider what Chelsea has meant and continues to mean for them.



Fig: 3 : https://www.cherryhillgardencentre.co.uk/news/50/rhs-hampton-court-palace-flower-show

When: Every year, from Tuesday through Sunday, the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show concludes on the second Sunday of July.

Where: Molesey, East Molesey KT8 9AU, UK; Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Ct Way.

About: Another well-known flower show in the UK is the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. But its history, which dates back to 1990, is far more recent. Adrian Boyd, the creator of the display, envisioned it as a means for the Royal Horticultural Society to save the ancient Hampton Court Palace while also elevating and publicizing the nearby British railway stations. The Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, which emphasizes environmental responsibility and sustainable farming and gardening practices, is both a gorgeous exhibition and an educational event.

Hampton Court Palace, a top historic visitor attraction in the UK, was opened free of charge in 1838. The charitable trust, Historic Royal Palaces, focuses on engaging visitors through historical displays. The site was promoted by social reformers as a place for education and improvement.



This thesis explores the evolution of Hampton Court from an 1830s public art gallery to a historic site, highlighting its duality of periodic reinventing and circular trends in administration and display. It suggests that the palace's development combines innovative reinvention with significant continuity.

This thesis examines Hampton Court Palace's transformation between 1838 and 1938, focusing on three themes: control, access, and display. It uses sources from the Office of Works and newspaper reports to examine the palace's outward appearance and public response. The study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of how Hampton Court Palace's historic visitor attraction was created.

4. Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show



Fig. 4 : https://melbflowershow.com.au/2022-show-winners-revealed/ When: Every year in April, the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show takes place over five days.

Where: It is situated in Melbourne, Australia's Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, both of which are recognized as World Heritage Sites.

About: One of the top 5 flower exhibitions in the world, this garden and floral display has been going since 1995. Through the participation of businesses, art and sculpture exhibits, landscape and floral design displays, and educational workshops, the expo seeks to highlight new trends in living.

5. Singapore Garden Festival



Fig. 5 : https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202207/1271773.shtml

When: Every two years, the Singapore Garden Festival takes place.

Where: Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2 Raffles Boulevard, Singapore 039593 is the address where the event will take place.

About: Featuring floral, gardening, and retail shows from the world's best designers, the Singapore Garden Festival is the only gathering of its type in the tropics. The Orchid Society of South East Asia, the Singapore Gardening Society, the National Parks Board, the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore, and the Singapore Tourism Board were among the numerous sponsors who came together to organize the event in 2006. The festival not only informs guests about global horticulture excellence and upcoming trends, but it also showcases the history and significance of tropical flower varieties in the nation.

In 1963, Singapore's prime minister planted a tree to improve the city's appearance. Over 50 years, the city now boasts a green network of nature reserves, parks, and community gardens. Despite land scarcity and public demands for housing and infrastructure, the National Parks Board and its partners continue to strive for greenery. The book, illustrated, highlights Singapore's goal to be a 'City in a Garden' and emphasizes the need for community engagement in the greening mission.





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Fig. 6 : https://www.bordbiabloom.com/

When: Every year, the takes place in June over five days. Where: Phoenix Park in Dublin, Ireland is the venue for the event.

About: In 2007, the Bloom festival was initiated by Ireland's Food Board, Bord Bia, with the aim of promoting interest in hobby gardening within the Irish community and providing support to local farmers. This event showcases a wide array of attractions, with a key highlight being a culinary experience that features top-quality produce such as breweries, distilled beverages, fruits, vegetables, and potatoes sourced from Ireland. Drawing inspiration from renowned exhibitions like the neighboring Chelsea Garden show, the meal offered at Bloom is thoughtfully curated to offer a unique twist. Apart from the gastronomic delights, attendees can explore a variety of shops, admire captivating floral design exhibits, and appreciate creatively designed show gardens spread across the expansive 70-acre venue.

7. International Garden Festival, Chaumont-sur-Loire, France



Fig. 7 : https://thegoodlifefrance.com/international-garden-festival-chaumont-sur-loire/ An annual celebration of modern gardens and landscapes where a variety of experts, from painters to garden designers, produce exhibition gardens that are accessible to the public from April through November. The festival has a different theme every year; past themes have included Return to Mother Earth, Paradise Gardens, and Resilient Gardens. Located inside the magnificent Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire, an excursion to the International Garden Festival affords the chance to admire the striking château and its historically significant surroundings.

The Chaumont-sur-Loire Garden Festival, which takes place every year in France, is the most well-known festival in the world and a great example of using gardening to promote travel (Figure 3). The International Garden Festival (http://www.domaine-chaumont.fr/en/international-garden-festival) seeks to serve as a testing ground for modern landscape and garden design. Every year, exhibitors create demonstration gardens where they experiment with various plant and object combinations and designs.





 $\label{eq:Fig.8} Fig.~8: https://www.mediterraneaonline.eu/radicepura-garden-festival-lancia-la-call-for-ideas-2021-giardini-per-il-futuro/$





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Mediterranean garden design is the focus of this biennial festival, which is held against the backdrop of Mount Etna's smoking dome. Every festival has a new theme and invites a renowned designer to develop a demonstration garden that is permanent. In 2023, Paolo Pejrone did so; in the past, Andy Sturgeon and James Basson have done the same. Young landscapers build the temporary, concept-driven schemes that international students of landscape architecture, architecture, art, and other related disciplines are asked to develop. A new botanic garden and many art works may also be found on the festival grounds. The family who owns and operates the Piante Faro nursery on the island is the creative force behind the show. The following celebration is held.



Fig. 9 : https://www.hellotravel.com/events/orticolario

Taking place each autumn, in the gardens of the magnificent 19th-century Villa Erba, Cernobbio, an outstanding setting on the western coast of Lake Como in northern Italy, this elegant Italian gardening exhibition attracts over 300 exhibitors. The festival brings together top designers, nurseries, and garden product companies with an eye toward the best in gardening, art, and design. There are eye-catching installations and displays along with talks, creative workshops, entertainment, and seasonal food and drink available. A shuttle boat from Como crosses the lake to the villa's wharf, where a number of elegantly attired visitors disembark to attend the show.

10. International Garden Festival, Jardins de Métis, Canada



Fig. 10 : https://worldlandscapearchitect.com/2021-international-garden-festival-at-lesjardins-de-metis-calls-for-proposals/?v=c86ee0d9d7ed

Reford Gardens, also known as Jardins de MeŁtis, are situated on the St. Lawrence River's south shore, northeast of Quebec City. They were founded by Elsie Reford, who created an incredible network of gardens between 1926 and 1958 by transforming a former fishing camp and a part of a forest. This stunning locale serves as inspiration for the annual International Garden Festival, which since 2000 has featured over 250 gardens and displays by designers from 15 countries. Acknowledged for its ingenuity, support, and innovative concepts, it draws individuals from diverse domains.

The majority have created themed gardens, such as ones with fragrant plants, native plants, kids' gardens, etc. Others have planned public events, perhaps with a connection to gardening. Both have been done by many. The Jardins de Métis chose to organize a garden festival instead of doing neither when it came time to set up their growth plan in 1998. Not only does the International Festival seek to entice "regulars" to visit more frequently.





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11. International Garden Festival, Hortillonnages, Amiens, France



Fig. 11 : https://www.artetjardins-hdf.com/en/directory-project/festival-internationaljardins-hortillonnages-amiens/

Spread across the Hortillonnages, a network of waterways and planted islets encompassing 740 acres in the center of Amiens, visitors to this unique yearly festival are greeted by a labyrinth of floating gardens. The name of the place comes from the Latin hortus, which means garden, and was molded by generations of hortillons, market gardeners who worked with the marshy terrain of the former River Somme bed. Visitors can explore on foot and by boat as part of the festival, which supports the creation of art, architecture, and nature. from the summer to the fall.

"Hortillonnages" refers to a unique humid area that is difficult to characterize, even if it is bordered to the east by the Amiens conurbation. The multiple stakeholders involved talk about a region that is 250, 270, or perhaps 300 hectares. The large range of definitions applied to this website, changing demarcation standards, and fluctuating reference points are all responsible for these numerical discrepancies. The intertwined legacies that gave rise to the Hortillonnages are to be revealed in order to understand their morphology and functioning. This goal motivates us to retrace the evolution of the site's topography. According to their chronology, this method actually reveals a number of socioeconomic ties that have been preserved with the wetlands, as well as subtle or even unusual blends of local heritage. By incorporating factors from outside the site that influence its history, this restoration approach highlights the operating system unique to each age as well.



Fig. 12 : https://www.getours.com/expert-travel-advice/history-traditions-

celebrations/amsterdam-tulip-festival-keukenhof-gardens

The Tulip Festival Amsterdam is a series of flower-related activities that happen in and around the Dutch capital throughout the spring. These events include the Dutch Flower Parade, which features highly designed floral floats, and tours of the area's renowned tulip fields. The centerpiece of the festival is Keukenhof Gardens, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with 79 acres of exquisite floral arrangements. Approximately seven million spring-flowering bulbs were planted in a range of vibrant arrangements last fall, with the intention of blooming all season long. Ten kilometers of hiking trails throughout the park allow visitors to view the exhibits.

The Dutch heritage Tulip Time event in Holland, Michigan, during the 1930s was a catalyst for a cultural rebirth among the Dutch American immigrant population. In 1929, Tulip Time was started as a city beautification initiative. Essentially, it was a garden event with one hundred thousand imported Dutch tulips. To maintain its growing popularity, it added new cultural elements every year, such as a Dutch market, church services conducted in the Dutch language, Dutch cultural parades, and frequent performances by klompen (wooden shoe) dancers, who are customarily clothed in the brightest Dutch costumes. By the middle of the 1930s, more than 500,000 people visited annually to see the tulips and experience the customs of bygone eras in Holland.





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Although the festival and the younger Dutch Americans who organized it made an effort to revive and promote authentic Dutch culture, stereotypes and caricatures of the Dutch—such as the blonde-haired, braided klompen dancers sweeping the streets with brooms—were created by these depictions, which scarcely reflected the Dutch Americans of the past. Dutch American author Arnold Mulder stated that the festival's "Dutchness" was more an American flare for successful community advertising than it was a question of ethnicity or ancestry." Historian Suzanne Sinke claims that Tulip Time was not entirely Dutch or American in later years, but rather a strange hybrid that emerged and is still being reinterpreted through a dialectical process between cultures and was shaped by an all too apparent subservience to the demands of consumerism and capitalism.

13. Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival, Disney World



Fig. 13 : https://wdwnt.com/2023/03/photos-topiaries-2023-epcot-international-flower-garden-festival/

The flower display at Epcot at Walt Disney World appeals to people of all ages and interest levels, in contrast to other flower shows that are targeted toward die-hard gardeners. There are tons of Disney-themed topiaries everywhere, including the major characters from Frozen (above), in addition to gardens, talks, and displays.

The Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow, or EPCOT, opened as Walt Disney World's second theme park in 1982. EPCOT, which was originally intended to be a permanent world's fair, has a long history of featuring educational attractions and programming. Over the years, the park's offerings have become less explicitly educational, but its overall concept has changed to become a festival center with educational elements in addition to a theme park. The International Festival of the Arts (2017), the International Flower & Garden Festival (1994), the International Food & Wine Festival (1996), and the International Festival of the Holidays (1996) are the four festivals held in the park throughout the year.

Though the themes of each festival differ, common aspects include the emphasis on consumption of various kinds, foreign food and beverage stalls, family-friendly activities, educational lectures and demos, cultural components like music or art, and related products. This chapter examines the EPCOT festivals in detail. These events are so popular that a number of operators have used them as inspiration for their own food-themed events. It shows how a theme park festival can serve as a play area, a way to make money, a way to encourage cultural immersion, and a teaching tool.



Fig. 14 : https://www.torontogardens.com/2017/03/a-viral-tour-of-canada-blooms-2017.html/

Every year, Canada Blooms is a premier event that promotes, teaches, uplifts, and celebrates all facets of horticulture in an effort to help people discover the pleasures and advantages of being in nature via interactions with gardens and flowers.

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Almost 200,000 people attended Canada's biggest flower show, which is hosted in Toronto. Aside from ornate floral arrangements and displays, the show's unique appearances—such as its relocation to the Direct Energy Center—are highlights. The theme for this year is "Let's Play," therefore enjoyable displays like a garden with integrated workout equipment (such a climbing wall) could be expected.

15. San Francisco Flower & Garden Show



Fig. 15 : https://www.landscapingnetwork.com/training-events/san-francisco-flower-and-garden-show.html

The subject of this west coast show, which is in its 30th year, is "Going Wild." Expect fifteen intricate garden exhibits that resemble "Vintage California," which took home the Best of Show award the previous year (see photo). After viewing the displays, there are lectures to attend, and kids may participate in hands-on activities in the Pollinator Pavilion, where they can create a bee hotel and use a microscope to observe butterflies. This year's addition is the Urban Homestead, where you can discover beekeeping and cheesemaking while unleashing your inner pioneer.

16. The Hong Kong Flower Expo



Fig. 16 : https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/4/201238/Hong-Kong-Flower-Show-returns-to-Victoria-Park-after-Covid-hiatus

The Oncidium orchid has been chosen as this year's subject for the floral display in Victoria Park, unlike most flower displays that center on a concept or location. Approximately 500,000 people have attended previous events, which have featured photo competitions, musical and cultural performances, and quirky animal exhibits.

17. Flower shows in Gympie

Originally, flower shows were ideologically and organizationally associated with the agricultural show movement, which meant they were linked to the colonial objective of cultivating and occupying the land. With time, this function evolved to more closely align with the traditional beliefs of those in charge of flower exhibits, church women's guilds, and volunteer organizations like the Red Cross. Flower displays gained prominence on the Gympie events calendar during the 1950s and 60s, when fourteen yearly events were staged.

The reasons behind their demise are discussed in this article, though, including the aging population, the growing number of women in the workforce making it harder for them to draw in new members, and the evolving goals of women as they attempted to break free from their traditional, gender-prescribed roles and take on more active roles in society. This essay illustrates how societal change affects rural communities and their celebrations; the fall in Gympie's flower exhibits serves as a striking example.



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18. Lalbagh flower show - Bangalore



Fig. 18: https://utsav.gov.in/view-event/lalbagh-flower-show-2

The Great Spring display, an annual flower display hosted by the Royal Horticultural Society of England in the later part of the nineteenth century, served as the model for the Lalbagh Flower Show.

The flower shows were held at the bandstand before the Glass House was built in 1890. The Lalbagh Flower Show has taken place twice a year, in the summer and during the winter months, since 1912. It soon rose to prominence as one of the cities most looked forward to occasions, and more than a century later, its charms remain.

Since 1951, significant days and national holidays like Republic and Independence Day have been commemorated by the themed flower exhibitions, which were traditionally known as the summer and winter shows. Bangalore's Lalbagh is a well-known botanical garden.

Many different kinds of flora and animals can be found in this garden. This area is home to a variety of bird species, such as the Myna, Common Egret, parakeets, and Pond Heron. The Lalbagh Botanical Garden is made more beautiful by the addition of a lake, an aquarium, and a glass building, which hosts the flower display. Lalbagh claims to have the largest collection of tropical plants in India.

19. Chrysanthemums show- Chandigarh Punjab



Fig. 19 : https://chandigarhx.com/chrysanthemum-show-2017-dec-8-chandigarh/ The Chrysanthemum flower is a well-known feature of Chandigarh, Punjab. Other names for these flowers include mums or chrysanths. They have a plethora of various hues mixed in with a dark crimson color.

The greatest flowers from throughout the state are on display during a flower show in Chandigarh. There are many different kinds of blossoms, not simply chrysanthemums. In addition to the floral display, a number of competitions are held during the December show. Participating in the display and competitions are numerous gardeners from across the nation.

20. The Horticulture show - Kolkata



Fig. 20 : https://plants.expertscolumn.com/flower-show-by-agri-horticulture-societykolkata

The Kolkatta (formerly Calcutta) Horticultural Society hosts a flower exhibition each winter showcasing a variety of flower varieties. Actually, one can learn about gardening and growing





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both non-floral and floral plants at the horticultural society. Fruits and vegetables are among them.

Training materials are made available by the Horticultural Society on their website throughout the year and during the show.

You can imagine how magical the floral show looks, given that the garden was established in 1820. When England controlled India, King George V started the flower show.

Originally a small floral exposition, it now attracts visitors from around the globe. This flower show is a must-visit for everyone interested in learning about the various kinds of flowers and non-floral plants.

21. The Rose flower show - Pune



Fig. 21 : https://punetourism.co.in/empress-botanical-garden-pune

Every year, the Empress Botanical Garden in Pune hosts a flower display with a focus on roses. The Agri Horticultural Society of Western India is currently in charge of organizing the exhibition, which was founded by the English monarch.

A variety of different blossoms, including roses and dahlias, are the major attractions of the flower display dubbed Buds & Blooms. The performance takes place in the monsoon season. 22. The Delhi University flower show- Delhi



Fig. 22

https://www.du.ac.in/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&cntnt01articleid=854&c ntnt01returnid=219

Delhi University boasts an expansive campus with many gardens spread out throughout it. Even though there are many varieties of flowers to be enjoyed throughout the year, the Delhi University administration hosts a flower exhibition in the summer and winter. The greatest flowers of the season are on display in both seasons.

23. The rose flower show- Gurgaon



Fig. 23 : https://dynamic-media-cdn.tripadvisor.com/media/photoo/05/78/04/b3/leisure-valley-park.jpg?w=1200&h=1200&s=1

India's capital city, Delhi, is not far from Gurgaon. Every summer and winter, the Haryana state department of horticulture hosts a flower exhibition in Gurgaon. Roses are the focal point of the flower presentation. In addition to roses, bonsais and many Dahlia varieties are on display during the flower show.

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24. The Annual Ooty Flower show - Ooty



Fig. 24 : https://www.travel2ooty.com/ooty-flower-show.aspx

Every year in May, the Queen of Hills, Ooty, celebrates the renowned Ooty Summer Festival. Many domestic and foreign tourists come to this event to participate in the many activities held there. In May, the Nilgiris District Summer Festival is jointly organized by the Tamil Nadu Department of Tourism and the Department of Horticulture.

The Summer Festival features a wide range of cultural activities and programs, including:Flower show: The Botanical Garden hosts the Ooty Flower Show, which features the best floral sculptures, genuine and modern flower craftsmanship, and the best artwork and cultural displays.Spice Show: This venue caters to foodies and gourmets alike, offering a range of regionally sourced spices from Ooty plantation farms, such as cardamom, cloves, tea, and dried fruits.

Fruit Show: Ooty's Fruit Show has been around for fifty years. This summer festival show is a great way to highlight how many fruits may be brought together under one roof to depict art. Vegetable Show: In this show, vegetables are arranged to create visually pleasing artwork in a variety of ways. The crops and vegetables are selected with the help of expert artists to make sculptures of people and animals that entice onlookers.

Boat Race: The Department of Tourism, Tamil Nadu, organizes a one-day boat race as part of the Summer Festival that draws competitors from over the state every year. Visitors pedal their way to victory in the boat race at Ooty Lake. To further entice visitors, the festival hosts a variety of cultural events, such as dance and music performances.

25. Varanasi Rose show - Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



Fig. 25 : https://alumni.bhu.ac.in/f/malviya-smriti-flower-show-19000#:~:text=The%20flower%20show%20is%20visited,th%20%E2%80%93%2027th%2 0December%202022.

On December 25, we celebrate the Malviya Smriti Pushp Pradarshani, which honors the illustrious Bharat Ratna Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya Jee's birth anniversary. It began in 1971 and has since been held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi's Malviya Bhawan by the Horticulturist Unit of BHU.

MalviyaJee had a deep appreciation for the natural world, especially plants, flowers, bushes, and other peaceful elements of the environment. Thus, with much fervor and emotion, this show is being organized as a tribute to our great founder. Not only is the BHU community excited about it, but so are the residents of this holy city and the surrounding areas.

Since the show's inception, cut roses and chrysanthemums have been its main draws. However, as time went on and new species—such as coleus, foliage, greens, topiary, tuberose, gerbera, bonsai, gladiolus, etc.—arrived; more flowers and plants joined the display. The show is memorable because so many private nurseries, governmental agencies, and individual producers display the flowers, vegetables, fruits, leaves, hast-shilp, etc. The main feature of the presentation is the enormous arrangement of greenery, coleus, and chrysanthemum. Visitors are kept fascinated as the King, Queen, Prince, and Princess of the rose are chosen by well-known judges in the world of horticulture from among the hundreds of roses on display at the exhibition.

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26. Tulip Festival- Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

Fig. 26 : https://www.viator.com/en-IN/tours/Srinagar/Kashmir-Tulip-Festival/d23017-115251P1

Nothing compares to the Tulip Festival in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, to kick off this list of amazing floral festivals and events in India. The greatest months to visit Srinagar are March and April, and this fantastic festival gives even more motivation to visit Kashmir.

Every year, this celebration draws a sizable influx of visitors from both domestic and foreign locations to the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, giving them the opportunity to experience the vibrant displays of color all around them. For fifteen days, this celebration is observed.

With over 70 different species of tulip blossoms, this is the largest tulip garden in Asia. Watching all those petals bloom simultaneously is a sight out of a paradise. This tulip garden offers a captivating view of Dal Lake and is situated at the base of the Zabarwan range. Highlights of the event include several cultural events, lakeside boat cruises, excellent local cuisine, etc.

27. Rose festival- Chandigarh Punjab



Fig. 27 : https://chandigarhtourism.in/images/places-to-vist/headers/zakir-hussainrose-garden-chandigarh-tourism-entry-fee-timings-holidays-reviews-header.jpg

Every year, a three-day Rose Festival is held in Chandigarh's Zakir Hussain Rose Garden in February. The flowers and cleanliness of Chandigarh make it a lovely city in and of itself. Thus, if you happen to be in this city in February, you can visit the magnificent rose festival and have a wonderful vacation.

The Leisure Valley and the Zakir Hussain Rose Garden are the hosts of this festival. The millions of different species of roses and their plethora of colors and scents are what draw visitors to the garden. In addition to taking in the breathtaking beauty of the flowers, there are a number of events you may attend. Youngsters are welcome to participate in the activities, and they will choose the Rose Prince and Rose Princess.

You can savor your favorite dishes and beverages while strolling through the garden and capturing amazing pictures there. An arrangement for a helicopter excursion is another. You may take in the breathtaking bird's eye perspective of the blooming garden.

28. International Flower festival - Gangtok Sikkim



Fig. 28 : https://www.adotrip.com/event-detail/international-flower-festival The spectacular Gangtok International Flower Festival, held in Sikkim's capital.

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In northeast India, notably in Sikkim, March and April are the months when flowers bloom. The beautiful and colorful flora is introduced to the exhibition for the tourists this time around to make it more worthy for the visitors. More than 50 varieties of rhododendron and over 600 rare orchid species can be seen during this event.

The many species of roses, gladioli, ferns, herbs, cacti, creepers, climbers, and so on are some of the other highlights of this flower festival. A food festival is also planned, where attendees can sample both local and foreign cuisine, adding to the festive atmosphere. In addition, you can engage in a variety of activities, such as river rafting.

29. Kaas Plateau Flower show- Maharashtra



Fig. 29 : https://travelnew.tumblr.com/post/178754246565/floral-guide-to-satarakas-kaas

This is yet another captivating floral display in India that dazzles millions of tourists. In Maharashtra, it takes place in late August or early September.

The Kaas Plateau in Maharashtra is home to over 850 different varieties of wildflowers, making it a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Make plans to visit the area after the monsoon if your goal is to take in the natural beauty of the flower-filled terrain and its vibrant color. With all of the vibrant butterflies all around you, the valley looks amazing this time.



Fig. 30 : https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/dasara-air-show-inmysuru-on-october-23/article67403606.ece

Every year, Mysore celebrates a magnificent celebration known as the Dasara Flower Show. Specifically, this large-scale event is scheduled for September–October at Nishad Bagh. The enormous variety of orchids and roses is the main draw of this floral exhibition.

You will be in wonder as you witness the rarest incarnations of these blooms here. Aside from that, the festival's musical fountain is another draw.

Over the course of the 12-day celebration, every event is excellent. In addition, there are art exhibits, elephant processions, cuisine festivals, and many other events.

31. Cherry Blossom Festival-Shillong, Meghalaya



Fig. 31 : https://northeastlivetv.com/around-ne/meghalaya/meghalaya-govt-this-yearcherry-blossom-festival-will-not-be-held-in-shillong/

Northeastern India, where is every day appears to be a flowery celebration during the summer and spring. In November, Shillong, Meghalaya, hosts the Cherry Blossom Festival.

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The cherry blossom carpet beneath the tree is lovely and beautiful to stroll around during the day, while the nights are exciting and enjoyable.

You may take part in guided walks, go on food tours, experience live music and dance festivals all across the city, and sample the regional wine. This time, the entire city will keep you amused the entire time. These festivals are all celebrations of life, color, and the natural world make your life easier by incorporating a few of those.



Fig. 32 : https://odishabytes.com/annual-flower-show-opens-at-ekamra-kanan-inbhubaneswar/

Annual Flower shows ekamra kanan botanical garden. For two days, the public is welcome to attend the flower display, which is being co-hosted by the Plant Lovers' Association and the Regional Plant Resources Centre (RPRC). Inside the Ekamra Kanan, Biswal explored the flower garden, exhibition stalls, Plant Bazaar, and selfie station.

At the Plant Bazaar, up to 36 agencies and 19 nurseries have set up shop, offering samples, seeds, and ceramic flower pots for sale.

The flower exhibit has involved a number of public organizations, such as the Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC), the Directorate of Horticulture, the Odisha Forest Development Corporation Limited, and NALCO, as well as commercial organizations, such as MGM Minerals and SOA University.

Many types of plants and flowers, such as roses, marigolds, dahlias, chrysanthemums, zinnias, ferns, aglonima, and palms, are on display in the flower garden.



Fig. 33 : https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/travel/travel-news/ongoing-tulip-festival-at-shantipath-is-a-sight-to-behold-all-you-need-to-

know/articleshow/98055392.cms

The New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) hosts the Delhi Tulip Festival to celebrate the arrival of springtime in India's capital. After days of brutal cold, the city has come alive again with tulips dotting the landscape.

You can enjoy the beauty and allure of over 200,000 tulip bulbs in full bloom throughout the city thanks to the Delhi Tulip Festival. But the event's crown jewel is the magnificent 80,000 tulip display on Shanti Path, which creates a gorgeous backdrop for guests to take leisurely walks and picture-perfect moments. Beyond the breathtaking scenery, the festival provides a wide array of engaging activities for visitors, such as thrilling painting and photography competitions, fascinating musical events, and guided tulip walks throughout the city.

The Netherlands is the source of the majority of these imported tulips. There's a whiff of the globally recognized Amsterdam Tulip celebration in the celebration and the blooms. For those who are interested, this festival is much more than just lovely flowers. You'll come across educational banners along Shanti Path that will assist you in learning about the intriguing history of tulips and highlighting Indo-Dutch diplomacy.

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34. Dendrobium Noble – Sikkim

The Himalayan Mountains surround the hilly province of Sikkim in northeastern India, which experiences year-round cold temperatures. The legend behind the floral display states that the English queen, upon seeing Dendrobium Noble, was so taken with the flower that she placed an order for it to be placed in her palace back home.

From that point on, the Dandrobium Noble is the centerpiece of Sikkim's yearly flower exhibition. Aside from that, the flower show features about 500 different Sikkim-specific flower kinds.

CONCLUSION

To sum up, the International Flower Festival & Show is a living example of both the enduring spirit of human creativity and the limitless beauty of nature. Attendees were treated to an amazing variety of flower displays throughout the event, each one more captivating than the previous. Plant life from all around the world was on display at the festival, from expertly made centerpieces to magnificent garden landscapes. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, the event provided a forum for cross-cultural cooperation. Individuals from all backgrounds gathered to exchange their expertise, customs, and enthusiasm for gardening, generating a feeling of solidarity and friendship among participants. Visitors learned a great deal about the craft of floral design as well as the significance of environmental sustainability and conservation through workshops, talks, and interactive exhibits. We are left with a fresh appreciation for the wonders of nature and a sense of obligation to save and maintain it for coming generations as we say goodbye to this year's festival. In addition to inspiring us with its beauty, the International Flower Festival & Show has sparked a shared dedication to protecting the environment and cultivating a more peaceful coexistence with our world. We are excitedly looking forward to the upcoming festival, when we will once more join together to appreciate the beauty of blooming flowers and carry on with our inspirational and educational trip. Until then, may the memories of this year's occasion act as a constant reminder of how nature has the ability to uplift, inspire, and bring people together.

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