



Press release
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"European gardens"

Theme of Rendez-vous in the gardens 2018

Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June

Set up by the Ministry of Culture in France, the spring cultural event "Rendez-vous in the gardens" happens every year in France, on the first week-end of June.

Friday, June 1st is reserved for pupils (booking is advised) and on Saturday and Sunday the gardens are available to the public.

In 2018, in the context of "cultural heritage year" Germany, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Slovakia and Wallonia (Belgium) have decided for the first time to join France to set up a similar event.

Cross-borders private and public gardens are also invited to open widely, such as Switzerland.

The gardens owners and managers are encouraged to propose specific activities: guided visits, concerts, demonstrations of their skills, workshops for children, lectures, games... opened until sunset on Saturday night.

This event helps the visitors to understand the importance of the measures taken to : protect, preserve, restore the gardens, as well as to train the professionals and transmit the knowledge, enhancing their cultural dimension.

In 2017, 1.8 millions of visitors discovered around 2 300 public and private gardens throughout the French territory, including 400 gardens exceptionally opened and more than 200 for the first time.

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