



## 2 Azaleas.

The largest collection of azaleas in the Baltics, consisting of 124 species from Western Europe, Russia, Ukraine and Latvia, is exhibited.



## 3 Tropical butterfly house.

Butterflies from the tropical jungles of South America, Asia and Africa. A chance to experience tropical exotics: feel the breeze of butterfly wings, the scent of plants and the jungle climate.

### Open for visitors

**May–September: 11.00–19.00**

**March–April, October: 11.00–16.30**

**Admission fees** (in addition to the admission ticket for the Botanical Garden)

- adults: Ls 3.00
- children (aged from 4 to 18 Ls): 2.00
- family (2 adults + 2 children): Ls 9.00, (each next child – Ls 1.00)
- pensioners, politically repressed persons, people with disabilities: Ls 2.00
- guide of child with disabilities and disable person (group 1): Ls 2.00

### Free admission

- pupils under 4 years
- children with disabilities
- two teachers per class
- guide for the group consisting at least from 10 people

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# The Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia

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**The Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia** was founded in 1922. It is situated in the territory of the former Albert Volfšmits's manor. Today, there are still four manor buildings left, now listed as national monuments of wooden architecture. When going from the Dzirciema street side to the Palm house the garden is crossed by a majestic linden alley which once led to the manor house.

In the 15 hectare territory of the garden you can find greenhouses and outdoor collections with about 6000 different plants from the dunes of the Baltic sea, forests of Australia, jungle of the Amazon, mountains of Caucasus, deserts of Mexico and Far East representing different regions of the world. Alongside with wild plant species there are also collections of ornamental species, including perennials, dahlias, lilies, trees and shrubs. Thematic expositions about plants, their applications, distribution and protection are exhibited in the lobby of the Palm house.



### Admission fees

- adults: Ls 1.50
- students, seniors: Ls 1.00
- pensioners on Mondays: Ls 0.50
- pupils: Ls 0.50
- family ticket (2 adults+ 1-2 children): Ls 3

### Free admission

- preschool children
- two teachers per class
- guide for the group consisting at least from 10 people with ID:
- LU students and employees
- people with disabilities (group 1 and 2)
- orphan children
- large families
- politically repressed persons

### Guided Tours

*(to make an appointment please call us on +371 6745 0852)*

- In Latvian: Ls 10.00
- In Russian, English: Ls 15.00

**Subscriptions:** Ls 5.00–20.00

**Gift cards:** from Ls 5.00

### For sale

Indoor plants: All year round  
Seedlings: May – September



**1 Greenhouses** contain about 1500 plants from the warm and hot regions of the planet.

**Palm house** – the biggest palm collection in Latvia (47 species) and 21 types of coniferous from the equatorial climate zone such as podocarpus, cypresses, araucarias. Several relict plants are also displayed, including *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, *Ceratozamia mexicana*, *Cycas revoluta*, *Wollemia nobilis*.

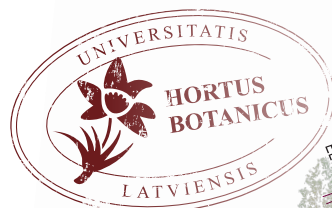
**Tropical house** – Africa's, Asia's and America's rainforests are represented by approx. 400 different aquatic plants, begonias, bamboo and epiphytes, e.g., orchids, ferns, bromelias that grow on tree trunks in the wild.

**Cactus house** – offers exhibitions of desert and semi desert plants that are adapted to life in dry climate. Out of 750 different succulents around 350 are cacti.



## 4 Rhododendron

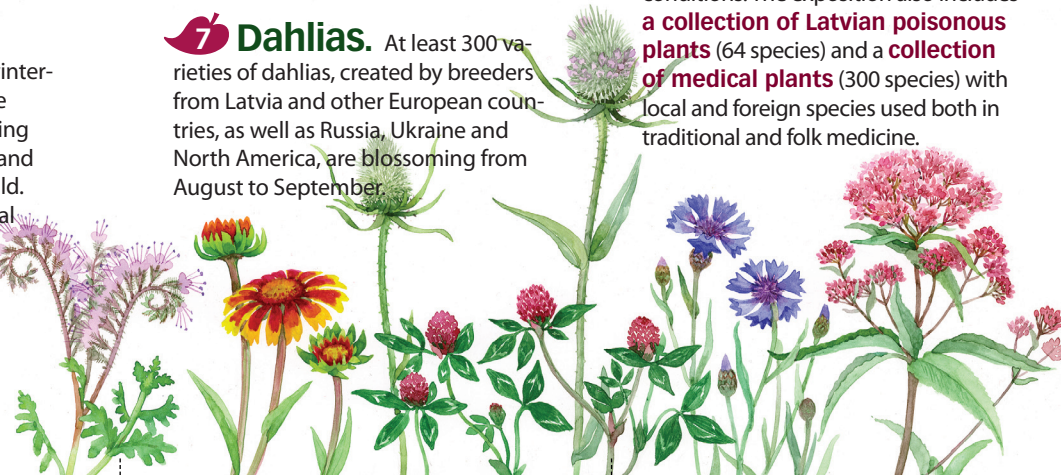
The collection was started in 1957. It includes 112 species and varieties. In April rhododendrons *Ledebourii* (*Rh. ledebourii*) and *Sichotense* (*Rh. sichotense*) begin to blossom, but the end of May and the beginning of June is the time when most summer-green and evergreen rhododendrons bloom.



## 5 Magnolias

The Botanical Garden offers many winter-hardy magnolias from Japan and the mountain regions of China blossoming in the end of April with large, white and rosy flowers before their leaves unfold. Magnolias from Northern and Central America blossom in the beginning of June. This is the largest collection in Latvia, consisting of 14 magnolia species and cultivars.

**7 Dahlias.** At least 300 varieties of dahlias, created by breeders from Latvia and other European countries, as well as Russia, Ukraine and North America, are blossoming from August to September.



**8 Arboretum.** Offers different trees and shrubs many of which are not characteristic to the local flora, for example, witch hazel, Siberian pine, lilacs, walnut trees, ginkgo, mulberry, roses, chestnuts, etc.



## 9 Systematic groups

Nearly 400 plant species from 96 families are exhibited to promote knowledge of different relationships between closer and less related plants. The exhibition is based on the plant classification system created in the 20th century by the German botanist Adolf Engler.



**6 Bog plants.** This small exhibition demonstrates Latvian bog plants such as andromedas, cranberries, sphagnum mosses, bog Myrtle, etc.

## 10 Biological and morphologic groups

The oldest exposition in the garden. Created in 1926 as a botany teaching tool, it illustrates the remarkable diversity of the plant kingdom. Here you can discover the morphology of flowers, leaves and fruits, movement of plants, ways of pollination and distribution of seeds as well as adaptations of plants that helps them to protect themselves and survive in various conditions. The exposition also includes **a collection of Latvian poisonous plants** (64 species) and **a collection of medical plants** (300 species) with local and foreign species used both in traditional and folk medicine.