

# The Gardens

## 1 SETTLEMENT

This is the entrance to the garden. It is reminiscent of a square with a little Mediterranean village around it. This is where the workers who created the gardens lived with their families. It currently houses the entrance and visitor toilets for the gardens. There are also cork oaks, begonias, cypress trees on display among the seasonal plants and flowering herbaceous plants.

## 2 PATHWAY TO THE CASTLE

Once we have passed through the arch in the settlement, a magnificent bougainvillea greets us on the other side. On the left-hand side of the path, we can see cedars, rose bushes and various types of jasmine, surrounded by different species of trees and bushes. Further on, there is a rockery of well-adapted herbaceous plants, while on the right, between the pines and mastics, the palms start to appear. Down below, the path is lined with cherry trees and various species of trees and bushes.

## 3 PALMS

To the right of the path lies a garden specifically for palms and grasses. Some of the stand-out plants are the palmetto (*Chamaerops humilis*), which is endemic to the Mediterranean basin, and the sago palm (*Cycas*

*revoluta*), which is a species of gymnosperms that belongs to a group of plants that first appeared during the Triassic and the Jurassic periods. The picnic area is located to the right and is available for visitors to relax and take in the surroundings.

## 4 FESTIVAL ROAD

To the left, this road houses a selection of sculptures dotted between various species of mastics.

## 5 CASTLE PLAZA

Over the summer, this is where most of the concert audiences gather.

## 6 CASTLE

It has a reddish tone as a result of the oxides present in the ironstone. The austere composition of the façade is reminiscent of medieval constructions.

## 7 THE NUNS' TERRACE

This terrace showcases four majestic cypress trees, surrounded by cypress hedging.

## 8 BASSIN TERRACE

This contains a small pond surrounded by olive trees and flower beds. There are Judas trees and dwarf pomegranate trees that stand out in front of the views over the coasts out towards Calella and Llafranc in the distance.

## 9 LOVERS' GARDEN

Here, visitors can admire two stone pines and a set of pittosporums pruned into the shape of little trees. Hydrangeas, gardenias and flower beds give this spot a dash of colour and the stone arches give it a romantic feel.

## 10 SPRING GARDEN

This is a long, narrow pathway, that plays host to many surprises and discoveries. A collection of trees, bushes, perennial herbaceous plants and seasonal flowerbeds.

## 11 COLONEL'S GARDEN

This is crowned to the right by a collection of hollies and cedars, with an herbaceous undergrowth of periwinkle that sport sky-blue flowers. Moving up the garden, we can see a colourful grouping of medicinal, culinary and aromatic herbs and plants.

## 12 DOROTHY'S GARDEN

### Reading area

The standout plant is the ombú (*Phytolacca dioica*), which provides shade where nature and literature come together in perfect harmony. It is surrounded by a hedgerow of *Viburnum lucidum* and contains magnolias, monkey-puzzle trees, *Schefflera*, herbaceous plants, decorative pots and small fountains that breathe life into the space. A wooden walkway that leads to different reading space.

## 13 FESTIVAL PLAZA

The Festival Plaza is located between the Castle Plaza and the Colonel's Garden. In July and August, it acts as a temporary auditorium and plays host to huge musical acts as part of the Cap Roig Festival.

## 14 CAP ROIG PATHWAY

Heading down the path, there are seasonal flower beds and specimens of unusual trees and bushes. There are urns containing fountainbush, and tress such as different kinds of acacias such as *Albizia julibrissin*, *Cinnamomum camphora*, *Grevillea robusta* and *Parkinsonia aculeata*, as well as bushes such as *Coprosma repens*, *Lochroma australe* and *Calliandra tweedii*.

## 15 CACTUS GARDEN

This garden holds a collection of xerophytes, in other words, plants that are well adapted to environments with low rainfall. It is divided into different sections where visitors can admire a wide array of cacti, succulents, flowering bulbous plants, grasses and herbs. April is a stand-out month when all of the coloured flowers come into bloom.

## 16 FORMIGUES VIEWING PLATFORM

A small plaza that acts as a viewing platform from which visitors can see the Formigues islands and the breath-taking Costa Brava landscape. Following the pathway that run parallel to the sea, we can see plants that are well adapted to the rocky landscape: rock samphire, blue chalk sticks and various kinds of agave.

## 17 GERANIUM WALK

Here visitors can enjoy a vast collection of aromatic geraniums, from the most delicate and variegated ones, to more rustic ones that provide colour and heady scents. To the right of them, there are plant species native to Asia, Japanese magnolia, persimmon, quince and a range of acacias. To the left, there is a mix of trees and bushes, that create a more woodland environment.

## 18 LADY'S VIEWING PLATFORM

A window frames a glorious view over Calella de Palafrugell. Further up the hill to the left there are terraces with seasonal flowers.

## 19 TEA ESPLANADE

This is the idyllic spot where the Woevodskys would serve tea and lookout over the sea through the Calella viewing sport, from which one can even see the Sant Sebastià

lighthouse. Flower beds with catnip, bulbines, agapanthus, lilies and tress such as *Salix matsudana* and *Zelkova serrata* surround the esplanade.

## 20 TEA SLOPE

Further up, the pathway draws in. It leads to flowerbeds full of *Libertia*, periwinkles and seasonal flowers. A shady and cool spot covered with Mediterranean vegetation such mastics and heather. Beyond this, hedgerows of honeysuckle line the path.

## 21 TOWERS WALK

What stands out here is a collection of cedars, cypress trees, yews and monkey-puzzle trees. There is also a *Ginkgo biloba*, the only species in its order and one of the oldest trees on the planet, dating back to at least 270 million years ago. The building with towers that can be seen at the end of the walkway is the Gate House. This was where the founders of the gardens lived.

## 22 MEDITERRANEAN GARDEN

Designed based around native plant species, it contains a wide array of plants that do not require much water, such as rosemary, lavender, white heather, viburnum, mastic, elder, thyme and various kinds of cistus.

