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## Visit these Amazing Botanical Gardens Around the U.S.

Whether you're a gardener extraordinaire or just like looking at beautiful flowers, a visit to a botanical garden in a new city can be a true pleasure. It's fun to check out gardens in different parts of the U.S. to experience the vast diversity of the flora in each area.

Swipe through to learn about 7 incredible botanical gardens in the United States.



### **San Francisco Botanical Garden**

Located in The City's famed Golden Gate Park, the botanical garden's 55 stunning acres showcase 8,000 kinds of plants from around the world. Don't miss the breathtaking collection of more than 200 magnolia trees, and there's a sizable collection of South African plants, too. Two other gardens are located within Golden Gate Park, too: the Conservatory of Flowers and the Japanese Tea Garden.

Photography: San Francisco Botanical Garden via Instagram





## **Desert Botanical Garden**

In Phoenix, you'll find the Desert Botanical Garden, which highlights plants and landscapes native to the Southwestern U.S., though plants from plenty of other regions are on display, as well.

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## Missouri Botanical Garden

Sometimes heralded as among the top botanical gardens in the world, this 80-acre paradise in St. Louis, Missouri, is not to be missed. The Climatron is a geodesic dome containing a tropical rainforest. There's a Victorian garden, and gardens featuring irises, daylilies, roses and hostas. Don't miss the butterfly house, which features a huge glass conservatory where guests can mingle with more than 60 species of the world's most beautiful butterflies.

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## **New York Botanical Garden**

Head to the Bronx to get a world tour of more than a million unique specimens in 11 different plant habitats, including desert environments and a tropical rainforest. You'll find 250 acres—indoors and outdoors—to explore. And you definitely don't want to miss the historic, Victorian glass conservatory that houses numerous collections.

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### **United States Botanic Garden**

Between visiting all the monuments, make time to visit the botanical garden in Washington, D.C. There's a conservatory featuring desert and tropical plants, and outside you'll find gardens featuring plants native to the Mid-Atlantic region, a pollinator garden and a rose garden.

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### **The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens**

You'll find specimens of the tropical plants that thrive in Florida at the two campuses of the Selby Sarasota Botanical Gardens, one in Sarasota and one at Historic Spanish Point in Osprey. Orchids, ferns, bromeliads and epiphytes are on exhibit, seeking to connect visitors to native nature and regional history.

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## **Longwood Gardens**

Recently named by USA Today readers as the best botanical garden in the United States, Longwood Gardens is located in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. The natural area encompasses 1,100 acres of gardens, woodlands, meadows and fountains. You'll find formal gardens as well as meadows. There's also a grand conservatory and a 10,010-pipe organ.

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