

## Press Release

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### Parks & green spaces

## The green sides of the travel destination Thuringia

Gardens with bonsai inspired by the horticulture of the Far East, the fragrance of over 450 rose varieties, a ducal 160-hectare landscaped park: Thuringia's parks and gardens couldn't be more varied. In Thuringia, over 2,000 of these invite you to go for a stroll and to linger in them for a while, including a great number of parks and gardens created by the local aristocracy, botanical collections, spa parks, landscaped gardens and modern urban parks. As "living monuments", they give their visitors access to the history and beauty of the art of gardening.

### **Green-fingered Goethe: parks & gardens in Weimar**

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe loved gardening. His passion for nature was captured for posterity in his huge oeuvre of poems and observations. What Johann Wolfgang von Goethe described was literally outside his front door and still exists to this day. Goethe, then in his mid-twenties, found his inspiration in the park by the Ilm river. His love of nature, botany and gardening lasted throughout the five decades he lived in Weimar. Weimar's charm is down to its parks and gardens, where visitors can tread in the footsteps of the poets, dukes and ladies in waiting, visionaries and, of course, the gardeners who became famous on a stroll through Weimar's horticultural gems.

### **Tea and roses: Bad Langensalza surprises with ten themed gardens and parks**

The rose and spa town Bad Langensalza offers its guests ten themed gardens and parks throughout the historic town centre with the primary aim of allowing people to switch off and recharge their batteries.

### **A touch of the English aristocracy: Altenstein Palace and its park**

An absolute revelation and a Thuringian gem is the Altenstein Palace park, sprawled over 160 hectares close to the spa town Bad Liebenstein. The palace was built by Georg I, Duke of Saxe-Meiningen as a summer residence and remodelled in the late 19th century in the style of the English aristocracy. The huge park is also a highlight, thanks to its varied design.

### **Residence of the "Queen of Flowers": the Dornburg Palaces**

Charmingly situated above a steep rock face, the Dornburg Palaces sit side by side, united into an ensemble by their differently designed gardens. A lofty 90 metres above the Saale valley, the three adjacent palaces govern the picturesque countryside. Each of the three palaces has its own garden.

Information and brochures on the holiday state of Thuringia, accommodation and travel programmes, event information, tickets and last-minute offers are available from the Thuringia Tourist Board on the hotline +49 (0) 361-37420 or on the internet at [www.visit-thuringia.com](http://www.visit-thuringia.com).

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### Thüringer Tourismus GmbH (TTG)

The company Thüringer Tourismus GmbH (TTG) is the tourism marketing organisation of the Free State of Thuringia. Its main activities and objectives include external marketing, image and product advertising and providing services in the tourism market. With nearly 10 million overnight stays, a gross turnover of more than 3.1 billion euros and over 100,000 jobs, the tourism industry represents an important economic factor for the state. The State of Thuringia is the sole shareholder of the company Thüringer Tourismus GmbH.