

GARDENS IN FRANCE

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France's most beautiful public and private gardens open their gates to us every season of the year — from the classical French palace gardens at Vaux-le-Vicomte to humble domestic gardens in Normandy; from stylised Zen gardens in Provence to cactus displays on the Cote d'Azur.

The typical plants of each climatic region are represented, from delphiniums, roses and irises in the north to Californian poppies, santolinas and lavender in the Midi. This book is a source of inspiration for all lovers of gardens and nature as well as anyone travelling to France. Most of these gardens are open to the public and provide an astonishing feast for the eyes. **DT**