



Meat-Eating Rosette pitcher of *Nepenthes (Nepenthes ampullaria)*
'William's Red'

On the first floor you'll find the spiky beauties – cactuses, with somewhat smaller specimens than the giant ones in pavilion F.

In the exposition of peculiar succulents, pay attention to the queer plant named welwitschie podivná (known as the „the paradox of the Namibian desert“). It generates astonishment among botanists, even today, due to its extreme peculiarity.

Don't forget to visit the pavilion of Arid Africa and Madagascar (B-upper level). There you'll certainly be enthralled primarily by the somewhat bizarre appearance of plants which have been forced to adapt to the harsh living conditions of the desert and semi-desert. Local specimens are especially rare – artificially reproduced for many generations.

A few steps more take you to the miniature world of bonsais, with all their ingenious symbolism and soulful beauty.

Few can resist the spellbinding beauty of noble orchids, whose exposition is truly awe-inspiring among experts as well as amateurs.

Since 2014, the Liberec Botanical Garden has taken pride in another new greenhouse, which is designated as „Water Lily Pavilion“(L). This is where the largest water lily plants of the world are grown, which literally amaze all visitors due to their great beauty. Due to the lifecycle of the plants, this greenhouse is accessible only in the summertime. The greenhouse was built-up as part of the Integrated Development Plan of the City of Liberec, in the zone of Lidové Sady and building was co-financed from funds of the European Fund for Regional Development and the city's budget.

BOTANICKÁ ZAHRADA VE ZKRATCE

- the garden was opened to the public in 1895
- the most modern botanical garden in the Czech Republic
- greenhouse area with a space of 4,400 m², including 7,500 tropical and sub-tropical species of plants
- the outdoor exhibition has a space of 15,000 m² and includes 1,500 outdoor species of plants
- visitors are most interested in: rare orchids, meat-eating plants, marshes, aquariums and terrariums

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Victoria Cruziana in the new pavilion in 2014

OUTDOOR EXPOSITION – THE WONDER OF COLOURS AND SCENTS IN THE OPEN AIR

Just past the entrance gate you'll find yourself in a breathtaking kingdom of vegetation full of vibrant colours, bizarre shapes and intoxicating aromas. Even on the way to the greenhouses the bordering lawns are fully lined with interesting specimens from the kingdom of plants; visitors are also sure to be enthralled by the striking rosarium.

Additional steps take you in front of a large alpine garden of warmth-loving flowers of northern Bohemia, Krkonoš-Jizerská flowers, grove and heather flowers and a sample of classic alpine. Moreover, the exposition is refreshed with ponds and miniature waterfalls.

A calm corner for pondering and exercising one's fantasy is offered by the oriental garden, where poetry and symbolism are intertwined. Another curiosity of the oriental garden is the so-called stone river, which is made up only of pieces of polished shale.

The outdoor exposition is furthermore complemented by marsh vegetation and water gardens. Marshes are, from the viewpoint of ecology, an important biotope, and act as a water 'filter', thereby maintaining a healthy environment. The marsh exposition has undergone a complete transformation and is accessible to visitors since in 2015.

The end of August the month of September brings the botanical garden gorgeous, colourful sunflower cultivars. Besides those, the outdoor exposition offers mature rhododendrons, which decorate many gardens in Liberec as well, or in the area, and is the reason that Liberec is sometimes called the "city of rhododendrons".

Admirers will also find their own with irises, clematis, daylilies and many others. One oddity of the garden is the *Gunnera Tinctoria*, which, in its native habitat, is tall enough to provide shade for a horse and its rider. Although it doesn't reach such mammoth proportions here, it is certainly worth seeing.



New Pavilion L, special plants of the water lily family

PAVILIONS - FROM THE BURNING HEART OF THE DESERT TO THE HUMID EMBRACE OF RAINFORESTS

Pavilions A and B are dedicated to the exposition of aquariums; while the entrance via glass tunnel is impressive. You can look forward to stingrays, piranhas, sharks, red lionfish, as well as the much more common freshwater angelfish or neon tetra.

A huge counterbalance to life typical in the bubbling water depths is the neighbouring exposition - pavilion Australis (C). Reddish earth, granite stone blocks and the sparse growth of Australian vegetation is the rightful pride of the Liberec Botanical Garden. Creating conditions for the successful growth of Australian vegetation is extremely difficult, and so this exposition of Australian flora is the only one in the whole Czech Republic.

Pavilion D is dedicated to the exposition of flesh-eating plants. Some of the exhibited species are unfortunately among the most-endangered plants on our planet and it is very difficult to maintain them in artificial conditions.

The neighbouring pavilion of Neotoris (E) offers the humid and abundant vegetation of the tropics of the New World (i.e. the American continent); pavilion F has large cactuses.

The next pavilion holds the exposition of Paleotropis (G), which is the designation for the tropics of the Old World (Asian jungle and the rainforests of equatorial Africa). You can look forward to huge banana bushes, hibiscus, climbing palms, decorative dracaenas and also bamboos, of course, or e.g. the ficus benjamina – often grown at home.

The very face of the pre-history of our planet is embodied in the Prehistoric pavilion (H), which offers climbing fern, giant horsetails, cycas from the times of dinosaurs, fossilized wood and roaring waterfalls.

A sumptuous flood of vibrantly coloured flowers welcomes the visitors of the pavilion known simply as "Bouquet"(I). Appealing flowers are accented by nonetheless appealing old-Czech names, which are certainly worth noticing. A genuine atmosphere of castle orangery is also created by the remarkable collection of *Camellia* - apparently the oldest in Europe, now being ca. 200 years old.



Potinara 'Spanish Eyes' cultivated orchid