



**Entrance Zeppelinallee**  
Accessible via  
Bockenheimer Warte  
**U4 U6 U7**  
Bus 32

**Entrance Siesmayerstraße**  
Accessible via  
Bockenheimer Landstraße  
**U6 U7**  
Bus 36

**Entrance Palmengartenstraße**  
Accessible via  
Bockenheimer Landstraße  
**U4 U6 U7**  
Bus 36 Bus 50

- Legend**
- ✂ Turnstile for entry and exit (also out-of- hours)
  - ♿ Turnstile exit for wheelchairs and prams
  - ♿ Toilets
  - ♿ Disabled-friendly Toilets
  - 🚏 Palmen-Express Stop
  - 🍴 Restaurant



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## 1 ENTRANCE



The Palmengarten can be accessed from Siesmayerstraße through the historical glasshouse built in 1905. The ground floor has a shop, function room and the so-called “Green School”, which will organise guided tours on various topics by prior appointment. On the first floor there are meticulously presented showcases displaying carnivorous plants, tillandsia and other botanical rarities.

## 2 ROSE GARDEN

From the entrance hall you proceed outside to the geometrical rose garden. In spring and summer “Haus Rosenbrunn” can be rented for weddings. The borders surrounding the formal, landscaped area include beds of scented roses and other special plants.

## 3 PALM HOUSE AND EXHIBITION GALLERIES



The Palm House was constructed in 1869 and is one of the largest buildings of its kind in the world. As well as a variety of palms, it also has giant shrubs, tree ferns and numerous foliage plants, creating the impression of a lush tropical landscape. A grotto under a mound displays a colourful underwater world.

Throughout the year, the galleries to the east and west wings of the Palm House feature alternating exhibitions, including traditional shows of spring flowers, camellia, azalea, roses, orchids and autumn flowers in varying arrangements. Particularly popular are exhibitions on different botanical themes, for which detailed brochures are available. This is also a place where artists exhibit their work.

## 4 LAKE AND RHODODENDRON GARDEN

The large lake to the west of the Palm House is part of the historical park. The shallow waters are home to a variety of fish and water birds. In spring and summer rowing boats can be rented. To the south of the lake there is a small playground, a children’s theatre and the train station for the “Palmen-Express”.

The Rhododendron Garden is located on the west side of the park. The blossoms are at their best in late May and early June.

## 5 ROCK AND HEATHER GARDEN

A rocky hill rises from the northern shore of the lake with an artificial waterfall emerging from its interior. A passage runs through the hill. With its variety of small shrubs and dwarf bushes from mountainous regions, it is a diversified rock garden. To the east, you will find the Heather Garden, with colourful varieties of Erica and allied plant species.

## 6 BLOSSOM HOUSE AND SHRUB GARDEN

If you pass by the “Villa Leonhardi” and the small spring, you will arrive at a greenhouse that features blooming ornamental plants from the Palmengarten’s own nurseries. You can then walk north along the Karl-Foerster-Weg, between borders planted with rare bushes and decorative shrubs.

## 7 HAUS LEONHARDSBRUNN AND ALPINE HOUSES

Non-hardy cushion plants and mountain plants can be viewed from the outside of the two greenhouses attached to “Haus Leonhardsbrunn”. The northern glass dome houses plants from Tasmania while citrus are cultivated in the southern dome. The flower beds in front of the building are used mainly for dahlias, which bloom in late summer. The surrounding lawns may be used for recreation. Next to them is a large playground, a water playground, a shop for children’s articles, a miniature golf course and the northern station of the “Palmen-Express”.



## 8 SUBANTARCTIC HOUSE AND STEPPE SECTION

The Subantarctic House, featuring flora from the cool areas of the southernmost regions of the southern hemisphere, is unique in the world. The plants on the left side of the house are from Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands while those on the right are mainly from southern New Zealand.

In a near-natural setting to the west of the Tropicarium, next to the “Goethegarten”, are mainly perennials and annuals from the steppes of Northern America, Asia and Europe, as well as the Mediterranean region.

## 9 TROPICARIUM

In order to convey an impression of the diversity of the tropical areas and their vegetation, the plants here are divided into groups according to their natural habitat.

The southern group of greenhouses is devoted to plants from the arid tropics, namely semi-desert regions, fog desert, deciduous dry forests and thorn forests. The northern complex for the humid tropics features plants from monsoon forests, cloud forests, mangrove swamps and lowland rainforests. In the centre is a house for bromeliads.

Not accessible to the public, but partially visible from the outside, are the greenhouses which contain the Palmengarten’s botanical collection.

The flower beds around the Tropicarium, and also those along the main pathway and in front of the “Gesellschaftshaus”, present a new colourful vista every year.



## 10 CACTI GARDEN AND FUCHSIA FLOWER BEDS

To the east of the Tropicarium, cacti and other succulent plants can be admired from May through September. Right next to them is an exciting assortment of fuchsias.





# Discover the Tropical Regions of our Earth

In 1869 the landscape gardener Heinrich Siesmayer created a landscaped park for the citizens of Frankfurt. The Palm House at the heart of this park then housed plants from inaccessible, distant parts of the world. Since then, the Palmengarten has grown rapidly. The most modern of greenhouses are now to be found adjacent to historical buildings, showing the overwhelming depth and glory of the fascinating world of plants. Our charming grounds feature some very different themed gardens and offer a range of leisure activities for both young and old. Given its continually changing flower shows and themed exhibitions, as well as its extensive cultural programme, a visit to the Palmengarten is worthwhile whatever the time of year.

More detailed information is available in the richly illustrated paperback "Der Palmengarten" by Beate Taudte-Repp. This guide costs € 9.90 and is available in bookshops, at the Palmengarten cashier's desk and also in the shop on our premises.



## Freunde des Palmengartens e.V.

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The Palmengarten is a much-loved Frankfurt institution whose work is supported by a non-profit organisation – "Freunde des Palmengartens" or Friends of the Palmengarten – which was founded on June 1, 1931, succeeding the "Palmengarten-Gesellschaft" of 1868.

Since its formation, "Freunde des Palmengartens" have supported the key work of this botanical garden in many ways. It has helped expand plant collections, install new plant areas, modify and renovate greenhouse structures and also supported the training of Palmengarten employees. A further key priority has been to raise awareness about plants in general and the Palmengarten's own collections in particular, and in this way to generate greater interest in the Palmengarten among gardening fans and plant lovers alike. Monthly lectures and guided tours given by specialists all help in this regard. Day trips or study tours to places of special interest to those enthusiastic about gardening and botany are also important here, as is the free distribution of "Der Palmengarten" magazine to our members.

Our annual calendar will help keep you informed about the numerous activities and events taking place at the Palmengarten.

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