



The Orchid House

The public orchid house presents a year-round orchid show on about 300 square metres. Twice a week, plants that have finished flowering are replaced with flowering specimens from the collection houses. Depending on the season, visitors can experience between 300 and 800 flowering orchids in their fascinating variety of colours and shapes, some with a distinctive fragrance.



Cycnoches herrenhusanum

Some orchid species were studied in bloom for the first time in the Berggarten and thus scientifically described. To date, seven orchid species have been named in honour of the Herrenhausen Gardens and their successful orchid cultivation, including *Epidendrum herrenhusanum*, *Embreea herrenhusana* and *Sievekingia herrenhusana*. The most recently described species was *Oncidium herrenhusanum* in 2011.



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Open daily from 9 a.m.

Entrance fees:

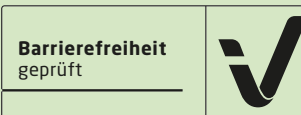
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Combined ticket Gr. Garten, Berggarten, Museum ..	10,00 €
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Children & young people up to 17	free



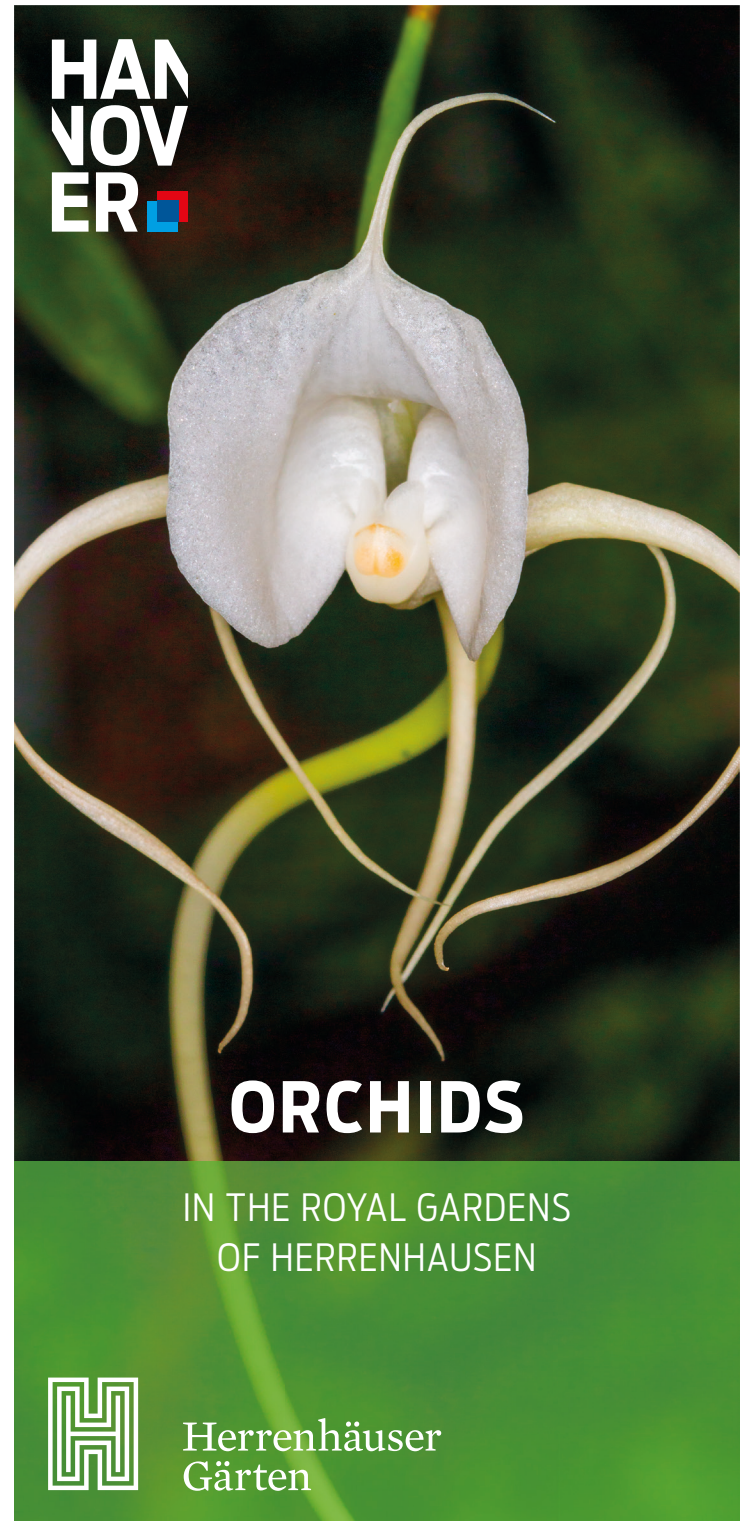
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IN THE ROYAL GARDENS
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Embreea herrenhusana

Orchids – a fascinating family

With at least 28,000 species, the orchid family is one of the most species-rich in the plant world. The diversity of their fascinating flower shapes, colours and scents is the result of adaptations to pollinating animals.

Orchids have colonised every continent except Antarctica. Although most species live in the tropics and subtropics, orchids can even be found north of the Arctic Circle. It is estimated that approximately 75 percent of all orchid species are epiphytic, meaning they live on trees.



View inside one of the collection houses



Disa uniflora



Bulbophyllum kewense

The orchid collection at the Herrenhausen Gardens

The origins of the orchid collection at the Herrenhausen Gardens date back to the late 18th century, when the first tropical orchids were cultivated in the Berggarten. By 1830, around 70 orchid species were already thriving here. Under court gardener Hermann Wendland, the collection grew into an internationally significant collection by the end of the century, but was destroyed during the Second World War. From the 1950s onwards, the orchid collection was continuously rebuilt.

Much to discover

The Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen in Hannover combine three styles of garden design across 135 hectares: the **Grosser Garten** is a magnificent Baroque garden, the **Berggarten** is a botanical show garden and the **Georgengarten** is a landscape park.



Acacallis hoehnei



above: *Lepanthes calodictyon*, below: *Paphiopedilum druryi*

Today, the Berggarten is home to one of the largest orchid collections in the world. Around 25,000 orchids from around 3,000 species and approximately 800 varieties are cultivated in various climate zones covering an area of around 1,000 square metres. One of the special collections are perfume orchids, which attract male orchid bees as pollinators with their floral scent in nature, for example from the subtribes Stanhopeinae (e.g. *Stanhopea* and *Gongora*) and Catasetinae (e.g. *Catasetum* and *Cycnoches*). Other special collections are the genera *Bulbophyllum*, *Disa*, *Dracula*, *Masdevallia* and *Paphiopedilum*.

The orchid collection at the Berggarten is exceptionally beautiful to look at, but it also fulfils other important tasks: many species in the collection are rare in nature, and some are already extinct. The orchid collection is therefore a living conservation collection for this fascinating plant family. In addition, scientists from various countries use the collection for their research.