



PRESSEMITTEILUNG

Überlingen Regional Garden Show, 9th April to 17th October 2021

Facts & figures

The decision

Loud cheers broke out when the news from Stuttgart was received on 22nd June 2010: In 2021, the town of Überlingen on Lake Constance will host a Regional Garden Show for the first time.

The competition

In May 2012, an open, single-phase ideas and implementation competition for landscape design invited proposals from across Europe. A total of 27 entries were submitted in anonymised form to the jury. The latter convened in October 2012 – and picked relais Landschaftsarchitekten Stuttgart/Berlin as the winner. The reasons? The planning team created a cogent design which vividly contrasted the fashionable shore of the historic old town with softer ground shaping elements.

The company

On 15th May 2014, the town of Überlingen and regional promotion company Förderungsgesellschaft für die Baden-Württembergischen Landesgartenschauen mbH (bwgrün.de) set up a local company, Landesgartenschau Überlingen 2020 GmbH, whose mission is to realise the garden show. Local government owns a two-thirds stake in this company.

Permanent gardens for generations to come: Shoreline park and a joined-up greenbelt

The open spaces created as permanent fixtures comprise the shoreline park on the western edge of Überlingen and three sets of central gardens linked together as part of the Joined-Up Greenbelt project: Villengärten (the "Villa Gardens"), Menzinger Gärten (the "Menzinger Gardens") and Rosenobelgärten (the "Rosenobel Gardens").

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Subsidised by the State of Baden-Württemberg to the tune of five million euros under the aegis of the programme "Nature in the Town and in the Country", it is thanks to the Regional Garden Show alone that Überlingen will get a permanent, roughly six-hectare shoreline park on the western edge of the town, complete with attractive leisure and play areas. The park will be inaugurated to coincide with the show.

The park's close-to-nature shoreline landscaping will create generously dimensioned new open spaces and points of access to the lake. For this, the state is contributing a further 1.3 million euros out of funds earmarked for environmentally friendly waterway construction. Ecologically valuable greenery will thus take the place of what used to be paved areas. Where a high wall used to prevent access to the lake and the available space was devoted to a camping site, a building materials trader, parking spaces and the Bahnhofstrasse ("Station Street"), a spacious park will now offer leisure and recreation. The road has also been realigned to make room for the park.

relais Landschaftsarchitekten (Berlin/Stuttgart) won the ideas and implementation competition in 2012, laying the conceptual foundation for detailed planning of the shoreline park. Marianne Mommsen and Gero Heck's scenic, countrified draft for the western end of the town creates a deliberate contrast with Überlingen's smart old town shoreline. Close attention has been paid to typical regional flora and fauna, including the black poplar.

The diverse structure of endemic shrubs and trees, already present in rudimentary form, will be rejuvenated. Especially along the waterside wall, non-native trees and plants will be replaced by typical local flora. Extensive meadows with endemic herbs and flowers will be interspersed with intensively used lawn areas. Grove plantings such as sea buckthorn, guelder roses, purple osier willows and rosemary-leaved willows will bring the Bahnhofstrasse to a lush, green conclusion.

One exceptional feature is the location of the beach meadow on part of the flat shore area, which merits special protection. Of the flora that grows here, two species – the Lake Constance forget-me-not and the deschapmsia rhenana – are now almost exclusive to this region and are under serious threat of extinction. The University of Constance and the Horticultural Department of the Town of Überlingen have



made a substantial contribution to this beach meadow, cultivating and sowing 14,000 individual plants.

Play area in the shoreline park

The play area right on the shore of Lake Constance will be a highlight during the Regional Garden Show – a huge attraction in the shoreline park, especially for our youngest visitors.

A shift of perspective is always exciting: Starting from the imaginary blue-green seabed, kids can climb up to a platform positioned nearly three metres up the good eleven-metre mast. The 60-metre "rigging" trail has something for everyone: from young discoverers to the most daring and super-fit. The play area for older children measures about 1,750 m², while toddlers can have fun in an 80-m² hedged area specially tailored to their age group. Climbing frames, secret hideouts, balancing bars: All this and more will be available in the future play area, in the shade of large, venerable trees at the heart of the park. Fisher boats and fishing nets reference the lake and are laid out in every conceivable form.

Joined-up greenbelt

Menzinger Gardens

Up to now, it has scarcely been possible to see the Menzinger Gardens. In the future, though, this space in a marvellous central location will be open to the public. The upper part, currently used as allotments, will be developed into a high-quality public open space affording an excellent and diverse quality of stay, a superb view of the gardens, the town and the lake. It will also feature a new pathway via the playground, creating a new link to the upper part of the gardens. The lower part, complete with clipped hedges and allotments, will be rearranged with the participation of existing users and, after the show, returned to local residents as a modern and more flexible local supply source.

Rosenobel Gardens

The allotments beneath the Rosenobel Tower are currently behind closed doors and off-limits to the general public. But the Regional Garden Show will change all that. After redevelopment, this very special place will be opened to one and all. In particular, it will once again be possible to visit the Rosenobel Tower and, with it, ascend an 18-metre-high



vantage point looking out over the town and the surrounding area.

Villa Gardens

Little use has yet been made of the open space around what used to be the "House of the Guest" villa. It will now be redesigned, however, as will the planted embankment on the corresponding part of the shore. This, together with the greenery provided by the future greenhouse, where the town's treasured cactus collection will be housed, will turn the spot into an attractive new garden.

Sister projects in the town

Change is well underway along Überlingen's shoreline, too, in preparation for the Regional Garden Show. Unanimously resolved by the Town Council, the transformation of the shoreline promenade – including the Landungsplatz piazza and the Mantelhafen marina – is a sister project to the 2020 Regional Garden Show. This project was commissioned by local government and will be realised by LGS Überlingen 2020 GmbH.

Shoreline promenade

In contrast to the countrified style of the shoreline park, the shoreline promenade has a distinctly fashionable, urban look and feel. Barrier-free access is available to the entire Landungsplatz piazza and promenade. A red wooden deck on the Landungsplatz steps is great as an informal seating arrangement.

Landungsplatz piazza

The Landungsplatz piazza will become the town's "front room", providing for an excellent quality of stay. Conversion work is currently in full swing, with the aim of transforming this space into a genuine public square. The promenade, Landungsplatz and Mantelhafen marina will all be paved with a pedestrian-friendly layer of natural grey stone. Red porphyry will add a splash of colour to the pale granite. New seating areas – circular benches in the shade of the trees on the Landungsplatz and long red benches along the shore – will further enhance the attraction of both piazza and promenade. Long 1.2-metre-wide strips, crafted from granite slabs, will add a visual counterpoint, guiding visitors along the promenade.



Both the design and the structure of the Mantelhafen marina will likewise be upgraded and rearranged. Stationary traffic will be removed, and here again, a vastly superior quality of stay will be achieved. The result? A smart, high-quality, open square with a new flora concept and an additional planted island, long benches (like those in the park) and a new surface paved with natural stone, extending as far as the shoreline promenade.

A garden party to last all summer!

Überlingen plans to host a superlative garden party all summer long, from 9th April to 17th October 2021. There will be plenty on offer across the town on all 192 days. The exhibition itself is split into five areas covering about eleven hectares for which an entrance fee will be charged. The five areas are: the shoreline park, the three sets of central gardens (the Villa Gardens, Menzinger Gardens and Rosenobel Gardens) and the former Kapuziner (Capuchin) Church (with a flower show). The motto will be: Refreshing – Boundless – Green.

Highlights

- A whole town in garden show fever
- A new shoreline park
- Floating gardens
- 3000 m² of alternating flora
- A new flower show every 14 days
- Dedicated moorings on Lake Constance
- A direct "garden line" across the lake to the island of Mainau
- Around 3,000 events – all included in the price of the ticket

Refreshing

The Regional Garden Show in Überlingen will present a refreshing array of new ideas, seizing this unique opportunity to demonstrate horticultural creativity on land and on the water – right on the shore of Lake Constance. Sports and culture alike will discover a new stage on the lake.

Boundless

Situated at the heart of what is known in German as the "four-country region", the Regional Garden Show is easily accessible from Germany, Switzerland, Austria and



Liechtenstein. As such, Überlingen 2020 opens up boundless (and borderless) options to also present the culture and customs of neighbouring countries.

Green

The first Regional Garden Show ever to be held on Lake Constance joins up gardens and open spaces in the town centre. To this end, even gardens and spaces which were hitherto strictly off-limits to the public will be redesigned, upgraded and opened to one and all. In addition, the shoreline park will create a new "garden kingdom".

The exhibition spaces

Regional Garden Show from 9th April to 17th October
Inspiration, enjoyment, a vibrant garden culture and a singularly diverse programme of events awaits visitors to five exhibition spaces spanning around eleven hectares – in the shoreline park, in three sets of central gardens and at the former Kapuziner Church. The whole of Überlingen will be one big garden show. A five-kilometre loop trail plots a green path right along the lake shore, through the town's highest and lowest points and back down to the lake.

Shoreline park

This is the biggest of the exhibition spaces, featuring magnificent flowering shrubs and a lush, varied array of flora, comfortable seats and recliners in open spaces, designated areas for fun, games and sports, numerous exhibition pavilions, a large catering tent, a beach bar and a stage presenting a stunning programme of events out on the lake.

The diversity of the region will be showcased here, with the many facets of Lake Constance on display in the lake pavilion. Space is also available here for a youth lounge and a "Green Classroom". For nature conservation enthusiasts, a nursery for the hermit ibis, which is threatened by extinction, is undoubtedly one of the highlights.

Another special exhibit is made possible by the waterside location: An ecumenical "churchboat" displaying the activities of local churches will be anchored almost right in front of the shoreline park, next to the moorings of Bodensee-Schiffsbetriebe, the Lake Constance shipping company. Several scheduled vessels a day will dock at the latter facility



– a convenient way for visitors to travel to the Regional Garden Show.

Villa Gardens

The show gardens cultivated by the local Horticultural, Landscape and Sports Ground Construction Association are one of many highlights in this area. The focus is on garden trends and the beauty of gardenscaping, on water, health and tranquility. And – for the first time at a Regional Garden Show in Germany – there will be floating gardens which visitors can also access. An outdoor library is a great place to sit and have a read. The Kneipp pool invites visitors to experience the joys of water treading. And shrubberies combine with lush and varying flora to captivate both the eye and the imagination. A newly built greenhouse will accommodate not only part of Überlingen's treasured cactus collection, but will also host the "Baden-Württemberg Meeting Place" – a regular fixture of every garden show in the southern German state and a platform for its contributions. A small stage for events and a café add the finishing touches.

Kapuziner Church

In the former Kapuziner monastery church, which has a charm all its own, florists will consistently surprise visitors with a new flower show every 14 days. The sky is the limit as far as creativity is concerned. The Blütencafé ("Petal Café") commands an attractive view of Lake Constance and the spa gardens.

Rosenobel Gardens

In this enchanting, romantic corner of the exhibition space, right behind the town wall, it is mainly the farmers who will present both their trade and the plethora of products they grow in this fertile region. Standing 18 metres tall, the Rosenobel Tower offers a unique panorama of the town, the surrounding region and the lake. Here, the Fruit-Growers' and Horticulturalists' Association will exhibit their wares alongside the "Landfrauen" Rural Women's Association. A marketplace with outdoor café areas and a small patio are the ideal spot to take a break.

Menzinger Gardens

The Menzinger Gardens are another special place in a stunning central location. Here, visitors will above all experience the vast diversity of tiny kitchen gardens, featuring urban gardening, herb beds, pictures made from



flowers, vines, fruit from Lake Constance, a royal garden, an island exhibit and a beer garden.

Detailed overview of the exhibition spaces

Shoreline park

- Direct access to the lake
- Magnificent flowering shrubs and lush, alternating flora
- A pavilion set up by the rural district
- A pavilion for the lake
- Large-scale catering
- Beach bar
- A stage on the lake
- Ecumenical churchboat
- Moorings for ships and boats
- A spacious play area
- Contributions by districts of Überlingen, conservation associations and the state forestry
- Beekeepers
- Hermit ibis nursery
- Youth lounge
- "Green Classroom"

Villa Gardens

- Show gardens crafted by the Horticultural, Landscape and Sports Ground Construction Association
- Garden trends
- Innovative cemetery design
- Gardening market
- Floating gardens
- Outdoor library
- Kneipp pool, healthcare oasis
- Shrubberies, alternating flora
- Baden-Württemberg Meeting Place
- Small stage for events
- Cafés and restaurants

Kapuziner Church

- Former monastery church
- A new flower show every 14 days
- Blütencafé ("Petal Café")

Rosenobel Gardens

- Enchanting, romantic exhibition space behind the town wall
- Viewing platform on the 18-metre-tall Rosenobel Tower
- Unique vista across the town
- Iris colour circle



- Exhibition by the Fruit-Growers' and Horticulturalists' Association, plus the "Landfrauen" Rural Women's Association
- Marketplace with outdoor cafés and a small patio

Menzinger Gardens

- Special place with a location in the centre of the town
- Tiny kitchen gardens
- Urban gardening
- Herb beds
- Pictures made from flowers
- Vines and fruits from Lake Constance
- Royal garden, Mainau garden, BDLA (Association of German Landscape Architects, garden cultivated by regional broadcaster SWR)
- Beer garden
- Panoramic view of the lake and the old town