Rose Route

Stories about roses in Tukums

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Photo on 2nd cover: Freedom Square (Brīvības laukums)
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Tukums earned the fame of a rose town a long time ago. Several horticultural farms operated here 100 years ago and even earlier, and after the Second World War they formed the basis for the Tukums Model Farm, the skills and proficiency of which not only of cultivating roses, but other flowers, too, as well as of coming up with new flower varieties were known far and wide.

In the 21st century, Tukums celebrates its fame as the rose town at the Rose Festival, during which the largest live rose garland is created. On the outskirts of Tukums – in Sēme municipality – is one of the largest rose nurseries "ArB Agro", known as "Bumbieru rozes", and one of the largest rose collection gardens "Rozītes".

To get to know Tukums as a town of roses and the diversity of rose flowers, we offer a Rose Route taking you across the town and learning stories about roses.

'Kordes Jubilee'

'Nostalgie'

Rose gardener's tips

- Choose a sunny, bright place to grow roses, as roses love warmth.
- Roses grow fastest in the morning hours when the plants are covered with dew drops after the night, and the first rays of the sun awaken the rose buds.

Rose Sites in Tukums

'Blue Parfum'

1. Kurzeme rose bed

This rose bed with 120 plants was created in 2016 after the reconstruction of the Dzelzceļa Street section near the bus station. It is called the Kurzemnieku Dobe (Courlander Flowerbed) because it is located at the bus station, where buses from Riga stop en route to the towns and cities of Kurzeme. The rose flowers here are bi-coloured – yellow with bright pink or rosy edges. Their colour changes as the flowers bloom. They have a characteristic intense aroma. The plants can grow up to 1.20 meters tall.

Address: By the bus station opposite the Tukums I railway station, Dzelzceļa Street, Tukums

Rose variety: 'Kordes Jubilee'

2. Bumbieri rose bed

This rose bed was donated to the town in 2016 by the owners of the rose nursery "ArB Agro" – Eva and Arvis Bumbieri. To decorate the town, they chose the hybrid tea rose 'Nostalgie', whose flowers are pink and white, resembling the logo of the company they founded, "ArB Agro". The edges of these flowers are slightly wavy, and the plant's bush is compact. The rose bed consists of 150 plants.

Address: By the bus station opposite the railway crossing, Dzelzceļa Street, Tukums

Rose variety: 'Nostalgie'

'Nostalgie'

The first rose beds appeared in Tukums about 70 years ago

3. "Baltais" rose bed

The white rose bed was created in 2014. It was presented to the town by AS "Tukuma piens" on its 100th anniversary, naming it after its most popular brand "Baltais". There are 11 varieties of roses planted here, all in different shades of white. In total, more than 600 rose plants grow here.

Address: At the railway crossing on Pasta Street, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Innocencia', 'Diamant', 'Snow Ballet', 'Sea Foam', 'Kastelruther Spatzen Rose', 'Petticoat', 'Alabaster', 'Aspirin – Rose', 'Winchester Catedral', 'Apstādījumu baltā' and 'Schneewitchen'

4. The rose bed by the so-called Bee House

The locals call the house at 25 Pasta Street the Bee House because it was built by the Tukums Horticulture and Beekeeping Society, which chose the shape of honeycombs for the roof tiles. Since bees are where the flowers are, in 2021 and 2022, the Tukums Horticultural Society created its own rose bed with the support of the municipal project competition "Let's do it". Various varieties of roses are collected here – floribunda roses, hybrid tea and ground covering roses in a wide variety of colours, purchased from Daila Trubiņa's rose nursery "Rozītes" in Sēme rural municipality.

'Winchester Catedral'

Address: Pasta St. 25, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Kordes Jubilee', 'Fanny Ardant', 'Amorosa', 'Lampion', 'Impala', 'Jugendliebe', 'Lovestruck', 'Manora', 'My Mum', 'Feurio', 'Guernsey', 'Hot Lady', 'Mary Ann', 'Bordeaux', 'Coral Lions-Rose', 'Crown Princess Mary', 'Goldelse', 'Hearts Delight', 'Jubilee Du Prince de Monaco', 'Kalmar', 'Kathryn', 'Kronjuwel', 'Lilac Wine', 'Milano', 'Minerva', 'Orangerie', 'Rhubarb and Custard', 'Snazzee', 'Some Like It Hot', 'Sparkling Burgundy', 'Sunstar', 'Theodor Fontane', 'Timeless', 'Belle de Dom' and 'Love Song'

Rose gardener's tips

- For roses to grow well and bloom beautifully, they need 5–6 hours of sunlight per day.

'Schneewitchen'

'Aspirin - Rose'

More than 20 various rose beds have been set up in town parks gardens

'Kordes Jubilee'

'Lavaglut'

'Auf die Freundschat'

5. Tukums residents' rose bed

This rose bed was created in 2009 from rose seedlings donated to the town at the first Rose Festival. During the holidays, 126 seedlings were donated for the first rose bed, but a total of 230 seedlings grown at the rose nursery "ArB Agro" were planted in the bed.

Address: Tukums Ice Hall, Stadiona St. 3, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Charlet Austin', 'Leonardo da Vinci', 'Graham Thomas', 'Rokoko', 'Red Eden Rose' and 'Kordes Jubilee'

6. Katrīnas Square rose bed

Katrīnas Square was created in 1999 in the place where the largest number of warehouse buildings in Tukums used to be located at the end of the 19th century and at the beginning of the 20th century. The remaining walls of these buildings still bear witness to this, creating a historical and romantic atmosphere. The rose garden in the square was created in 2005 after the reconstruction of the square. Then the first roses were planted. The roses currently on display in the bed were planted in 2020, replacing the old rose plants with floribunda roses. These seedlings were grown at the rose nursery "ArB Agro".

Address: Katrīnas Square, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Weisse Wolke', 'Auf die Freundschat', 'La Villa Cotta' and 'Herkuless'

If you have a private home or are visiting a friend who has their own home, the best gift is a rose plant

Facts about roses

Roses (*Rosa*) is a genus of flowering plants in the rose family. It is believed to contain more than 400 species, but today, according to some scientists, the number of species in the genus is smaller because species easily form hybrids with each other. The current records show that there are more than 25,000 varieties of roses.

Legends say that this magical flower was created by the goddess Flora. For a long time, the rose was just a white flower with no scent, but the goddess accidentally injured her leg with the sharp thorns of the rose. A few drops of divine blood fell onto the rose, and its flower turned red.

The formula of a rose flower is $Ca_5Co_5A_\infty G_\infty$

On 18 July, the name Roze has its name day and, according to the data of the Citizenship and Migration Affairs Office, 84 women in Latvia have this name as their only name, whereas 322 ladies have it as a second name

Data from the Citizenship and Migration Affairs Office: June 2025

There are approximately 350 varieties of wild roses in nature. Most types of roses are native to Asia. The rose was probably first grown as a garden flower in China around 500 BC.

There are 17 species of roses found in the wild in Latvia. The most common are the cinnamon rose (*Rosa majalis*), Briar rose (*Rosa subcanina*) and glaucous dog rose (*Rosa vosagiaca*), which grow in various open and forested moderate-dry habitats and are therefore commonly called wild roses.

Rose seedlings for the garden and public green spaces

- Floribunda roses
- Shrub roses
- Mini roses
- Park roses
- Hybrid tea roses
- Spray roses
- Climbing roses
- Ground cover roses
- Perfume roses
- Bee roses

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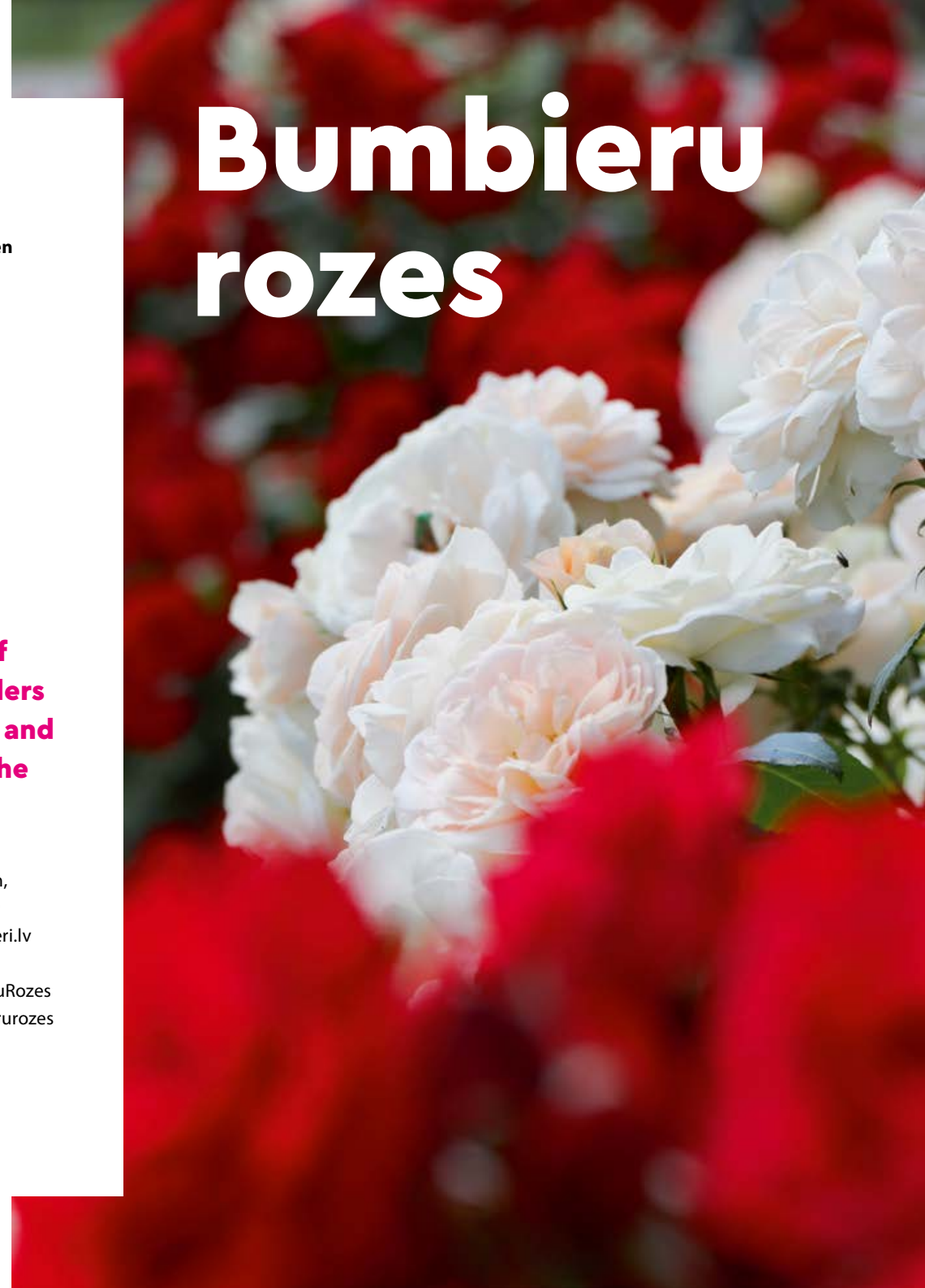
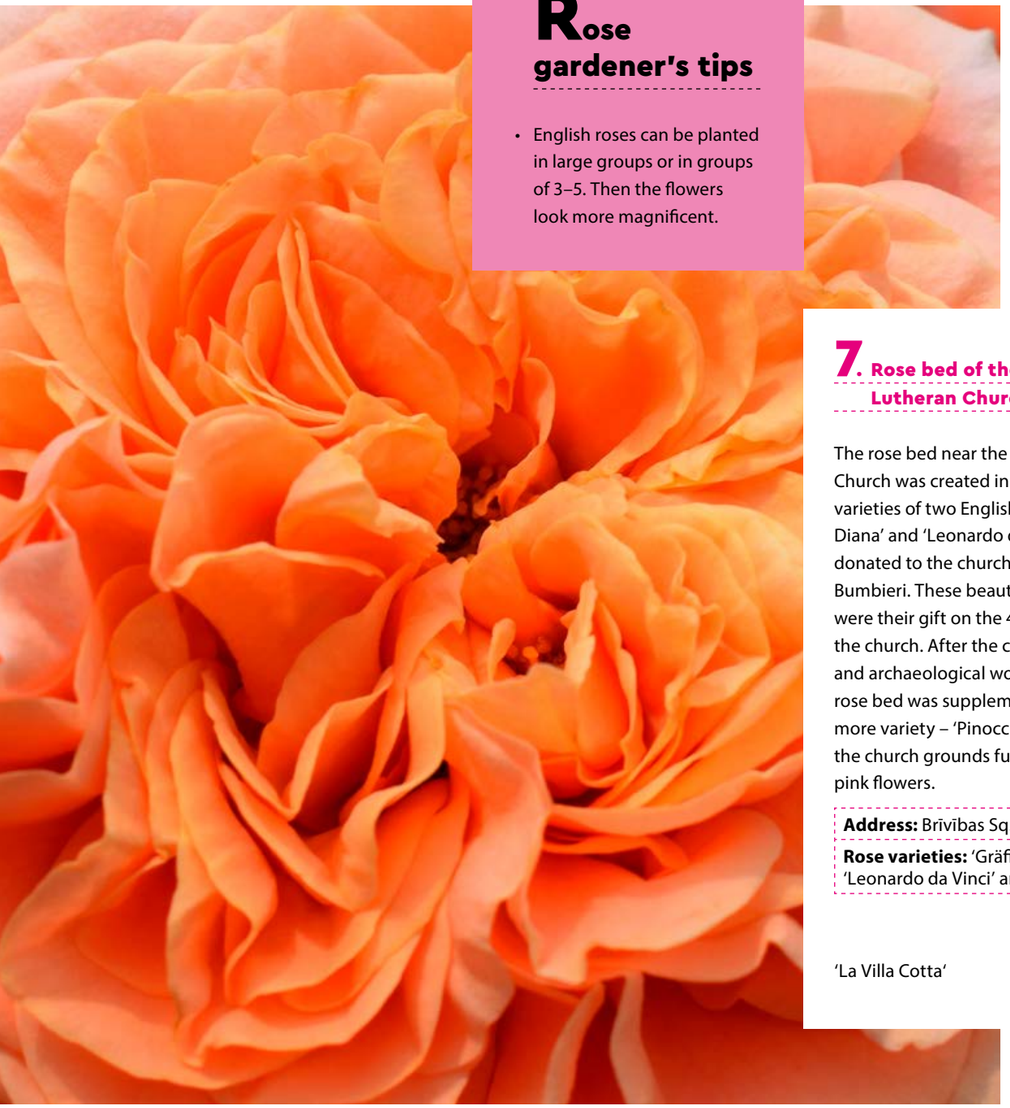


Bumbieru rozes



Rose gardener's tips

- English roses can be planted in large groups or in groups of 3–5. Then the flowers look more magnificent.

7. Rose bed of the Lutheran Church

The rose bed near the Tukums Lutheran Church was created in 2017 with 40 varieties of two English roses – 'Gräfin Diana' and 'Leonardo da Vinci' seedlings, donated to the church by Eva and Arvis Bumbieri. These beautiful, fragrant roses were their gift on the 450th anniversary of the church. After the church renovations and archaeological work in the area, the rose bed was supplemented with one more variety – 'Pinocchio', to embellish the church grounds further with red and pink flowers.

Address: Brīvības Sq. 1, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Gräfin Diana', 'Leonardo da Vinci' and 'Pinocchio'

'La Villa Cotta'

'Weisse Wolke'

8. Z. A. Meierovics Square roses

In 2018, in anticipation of Latvia's centenary, a small square was created at the intersection of Lielā and Jaunā streets and a monument was erected to the first Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, Zigfrīds Anna Meierovics (1887-1925). The rose beds in the square were created in 2020, planting fragrant white, pink, and orange roses. The 'White Cloud' ('Weisse Wolke') roses echo the clouds floating over the town in summer, while the roses, whose name translates as a toast 'To friendship' ('Auf die Freundschaft'), remind us that school-time friendships are often the most meaningful and strongest.

Address: Intersection of Lielā and Jaunā streets, Tukums

Rose variety: 'Weisse Wolke', 'Auf die Freundschat', 'La Villa Cotta' and 'Sweet Laguna'

'Leonardo da Vinci'

Rose gardener's tips

- If you regularly cut off the old flowers on floribunda roses, you get the impression that the bush blooms continuously until the end of October.
- It is preferable to plant roses in well-drained, humus-rich, air-permeable soil.

9. Catholic Church Rose Garden

St. Stephan's Tukums Roman Catholic Church was built only in 1897 as a Catholic house of prayer, because building Catholic churches in Kurzeme was prohibited at that time. This is why the plot of land on which the church sits is small. However, in front of the church, the congregation has created a small rose garden, where flowers of various colours and varieties bloom, and in its centre is a large crucifix – a symbol of calling and unity in faith.

Address: Harmonijas St. 1A, Tukums

Rose varieties: various

10. The rose bed of the town's oldest school

This special rose bed was created thanks to the Trubiņi family, who donated this flower bed to the school and the town. It contains a collection of English rose varieties grown in the family garden – the rose nursery "Rozītes" – all in various shades of pink and purple.

Address: Yard of E. Birznieks-Upītis Tukums Primary School No. 1, Lielā St. 9, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Strawberry Hill', 'Queen of Sweden', 'The Alnwick Rose', 'Geoff Hamilton', 'The Generous Gardener', 'Wollerton old Hall', 'Mainzer Fastnacht' among others

11. Rose bed of Tukums Primary School No. 3

There is one special rose bed in the school grounds. It was donated by the graduates of the 2019/20 academic year, upon graduation. In it, the queens of flowers bloom with bright pink flowers.

Address: Lielā St. 18, Tukums

Rose variety: 'Europeana'

12. Roses on Tidaholmas Street

The rose bed near Tukums Municipality Social Services building was created after the building was reconstructed to integrate accessibility solutions. It is designed in airy tones, as the roses change colour from light and vanilla tones to light pink tones during their blooming period.

Address: Tidaholmas St. 1, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Larissa' and 'Wellenspiel'

'Wellenspiel'

'The Generous Gardener'

In the yard of Tukums 1st Primary School, you will find roses in all shades of pink

13. Talsu Street Rose Circles

Eight rose circles were created on Talsu Street in the town in 2012, after reconstruction work was carried out on the parking lot at the local government building. The beds are designed with elevations, in which both floribunda roses and ground covering roses are arranged. The onlookers' eyes are delighted by flowers of various colours, offering a lovely photo. In 2025, the beds were supplemented with medium-tall shrub roses 'Lemon Fizz' and 'Orienta Shila', which will enrich the flowering of yellow, pink, and red flowers with new colours.

Address: Intersection of Talsu and Šēseles streets, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Europeana', 'Leonardo da Vinci', 'Gartenspass', 'Westerland', 'Innocencia', 'Kordes Jubilee', 'Lemon Fizz' and 'Orienta Shila'

14. Council rose bed

The rose bed at the entrance to the local government building was created in 2013. Since it is slightly sloping, both ground covering roses and English roses are planted here, complemented by various other plants. In total, around 180 rose plants grow here.

Address: Talsu St. 4, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'The Fairy', 'The Fairy Red', 'Golden Years' and 'Leonardo da Vinci'

Rose gardener's tips

- Roses should be planted in areas protected from winds, but at the same time, they also require good air circulation.
- Park roses are characterized by good winter hardiness, resistance to fungal diseases and adverse weather conditions. They are less demanding in terms of growing conditions.
- Park roses can be planted as individual bushes on the lawn, in larger or smaller groups, as well as in hedges.
- The dense foliage and abundant, long-lasting flowering of the ground-covering rose make it ideal for rock gardens, landscaping on sloping areas, and for creating low hedges.

15. Talsu Street parking lot rose bed

The rose bed was created in 2010, replacing the previous wild rose bed with the aromatic park rose 'Lidija Freimane'. The author of the rose variety is Roberts Āboliņš, who created it in the late 1960s. This park rose grows to a height of approximately 1 to 1.5 m. The strongly fragrant flowers are among the largest of park roses – up to 9 cm in diameter and range from dark fuchsia to lilac. There are a total of 40 plants with large purple flowers growing in the bed. In 2025, another rose bed was created next to it featuring 3 fragrant varieties of floribunda roses.

Address: Parking lot at Talsu St. 4, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Lidija Freimane', 'Schöne vom See', 'See You in Purple' and 'See You in Rosé'

'Westerland'

Around 5 thousand rose bushes grow in the green areas of Tukums

'Europeana'

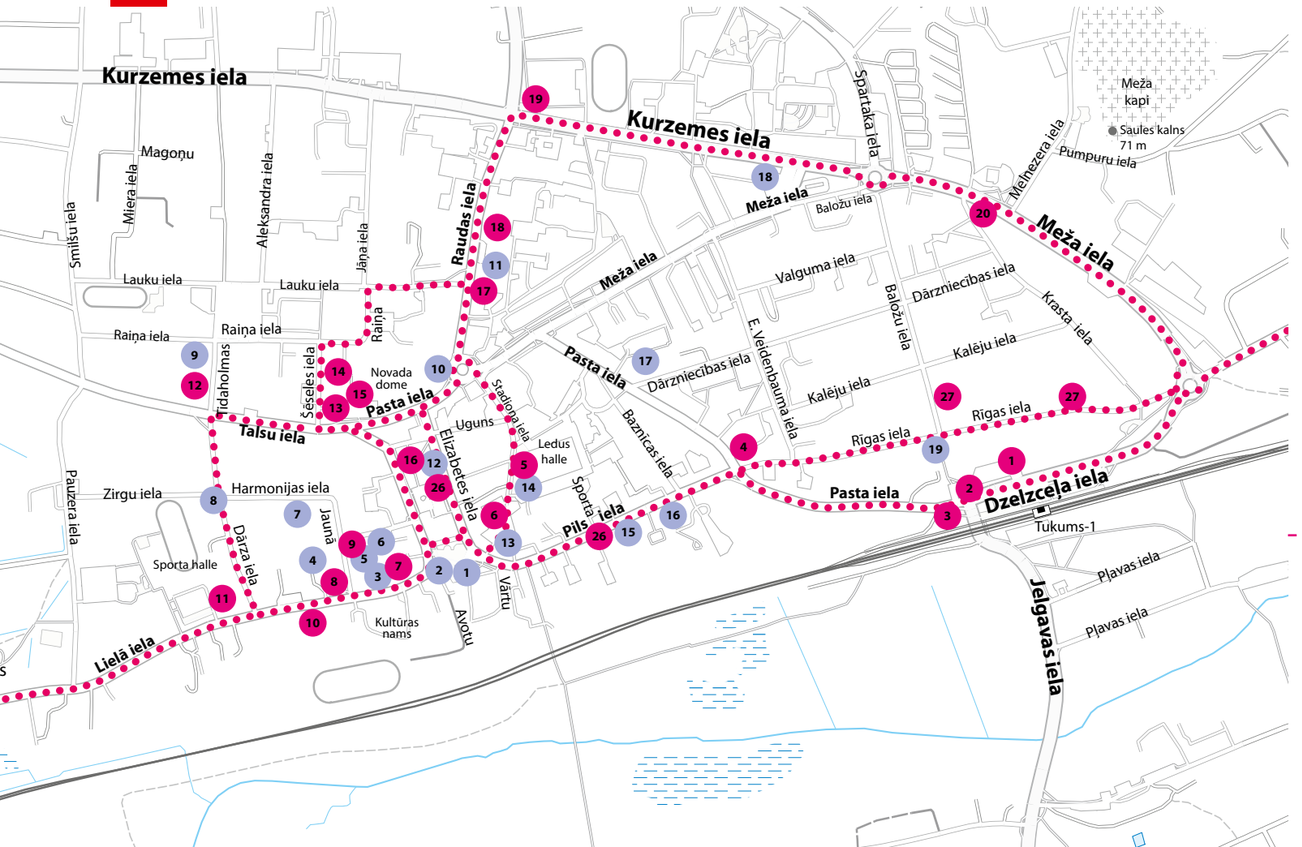
'Orienta Shila'

Map of the Rose Route

Legend

- 25 Rose locations
- 25 Visitor attractions
- Rose Route

Tukums centre



Rose objects in town

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2. Bumbieri rose bed
3. "Baltais" rose bed
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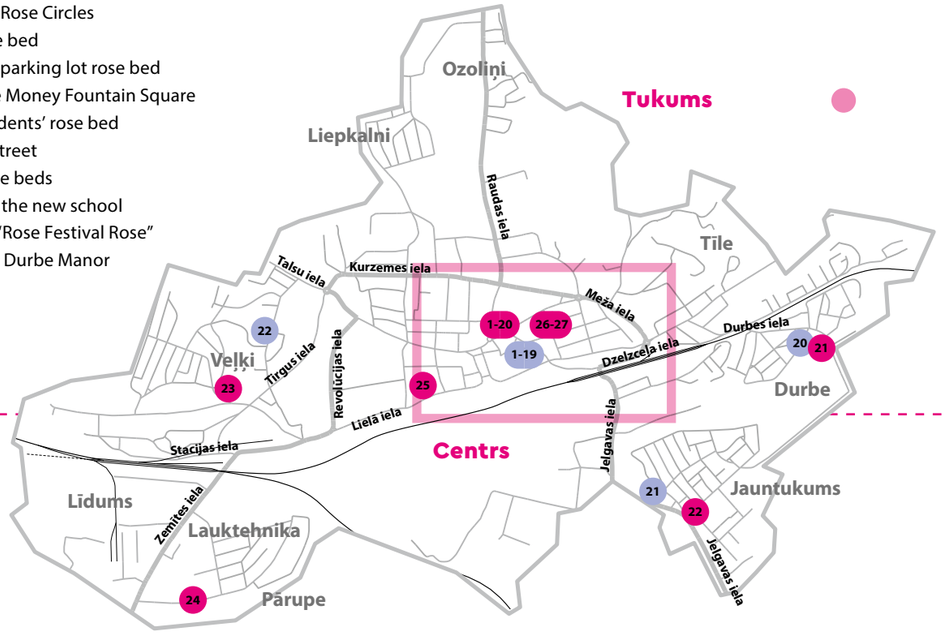
26. Rose pots on Pils and Elizabetes streets
27. Burnet roses on the town streets

Visitor attractions in Tukums

1. "Castle Tower"
2. Gallery "Durvis"
3. Lutheran Church
4. Monument to Z. A. Meierovics
5. Catholic Church
6. Art workshop "Antīks"
7. Tukums Art Museum
8. Old town – Vectukums
9. Tukums Weavers' Workshop
10. Sculpture "Wooden Cube"
11. Mural "Raudas Street"
12. Former synagogue buildings
13. Poem "Tukums"
14. Sculpture "Catherine of Tukums"
15. Buildings on Pils Street
16. Orthodox Church
17. Straw workshop – museum
18. Mural "An artistic instant with flowers"
19. Sculpture "Vision"
20. Durbe Manor and Park
21. Ziedonis Garden in Mālkalns Hill
22. Tukums Hillfort Mound



16. Roses of the Money Fountain Square

A square with landscaped greenery was created in this part of the town in the 1950s, accompanied by the fountain "Money Fountain" in 2003. Currently, this is one of the places in the town centre where you can sit down and relax, enjoying the beauty of trees and flowers. The square is punctuated by bright accents of park rose bushes 'Rosa Robusta', which blaze with large pink flowers, and the small shrub rose 'The Fairy', which gently blooms with pink flower heads.
From 2023, 3 more special rose plants, called 'Tukuma roze' (The Rose of Tukums), will bloom in this square. Its author is Vjačeslavs Turčins, a resident of Salaspils, who had gifted them, still unnamed, to the Trubiņš family, who, in turn, after testing the rose seedlings for the Tukums climate, presented them at the 2023 Rose Festival and named them the 'Tukuma roze'. It is a partially double-flowered shrub rose in coral pink. Its bush is sprawling with slender branches and shiny leaves. The flowers are arranged in clusters and have a light scent. Anyone can purchase this variety at the rose garden "Rozītes".

Address: Brīvības Sq. 9, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Rosa Robusta', 'The Fairy' and 'Tukuma Roze'

Since 2023, the town of Tukums has its own rose called 'Tukuma Roze'

'Tukuma Roze'

'The Fairy'

Facts about roses

Roses have been growing for millions of years. The origins of roses predate humanity by 35 million years. Fossils and petrified roses have been found that could be as old as 50 million years.

'Rosa persica'

A team from Peking University, led by Professor Zhao Yu, analysed the genetic material of 80 wild rose species, focusing specifically on the desert rose "Rosa persica". This analysis allowed us to obtain a complete genome map closing previous gaps in information and to accurately recreate a description of what the "ancient rose" looked like.
The results of the study confirmed that the first roses were bright yellow, without any spots on the petals. The flower was simple. The double rows of petals we often see today probably originated as rare mutations that humans purposefully introduced in the breeding process.

Source: "IFL Science"

Recipe

Tukums Rose Cocktail

Ingredients

- 20 ml Malibu rum liqueur
- 20 ml rose syrup "Monin"
- 5 ml / 1 small spoonful of vodka
- 40 ml cranberry juice
- 40–60 ml Riga sparkling wine "Oriģinālais"
- 2 lemon wedges
- 1 apple wedge
- 1 rose flower bud
- lemon peel

Non-alcoholic version
Rum is replaced with coconut syrup, and non-alcoholic Riga sparkling drink "Bezalkoholiskais" is used instead of Riga sparkling wine "Oriģinālais". Vodka is omitted in this version.

Preparation
Mix rum, rose syrup, vodka, cranberry juice and freshly squeezed lemon juice in a shaker with ice and pour into a Martini glass using a strainer. Add Riga sparkling wine. To decorate, use an apple wedge with a rose flower inserted into it and a spiral of lemon peel.

The authors of the cocktail are bartenders of "Mojito" Artis Šuspāns and Sandis Kanbergs.

17. Tukums residents' rose bed on Raudas Street

The rose bed in front of the former boarding school was created in 2016. During the celebrations of the Rose Festival, the people of Tukums and their guests once again participated in the campaign "Give a rose plant to the town". Thus, one of the largest donated rose beds in the town and, presumably, in Latvia, was created. 400 rose plants were planted here.

Address: Raudas St. 6, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Aspirin – Rose', 'Europeana', 'Gartenspass', 'Fresia', 'Heidi Klum – Rose', 'Lavaglut', 'Alabaster', 'China Girl', 'Country Girl' and 'Golden Years'

18. Hospital rose beds

In 2024, while improving the parking lot of the hospital and health centre in the town, 95 creamy pink roses called 'Märchenzauber', which translates as "Fairytale Magic", were also planted. They are characterized by frequent flowering and are also highly suitable for growing in large flower pots on terraces and balconies. The rose plants were purchased with funds donated at the 2023 Rose Festival. If you like it, you can look for seedlings at "ArB Agro".

Address: Raudas St. 10, Tukums

Rose variety: 'Märchenzauber'

'China Girl'

19. Rose bed at the new school

Along with the reconstruction of the building, as improvements were done in 2021–2022, a rose bed was also created near this school. It has 70 rose plants, half of which are the densely growing double-flowered shrub rose 'Decora' blossoming in delicate clusters with a play of yellow and soft pink tones. The remaining more than 40 roses are various varieties of floribunda roses, shrub roses, polyantha roses, and hybrid tea roses.

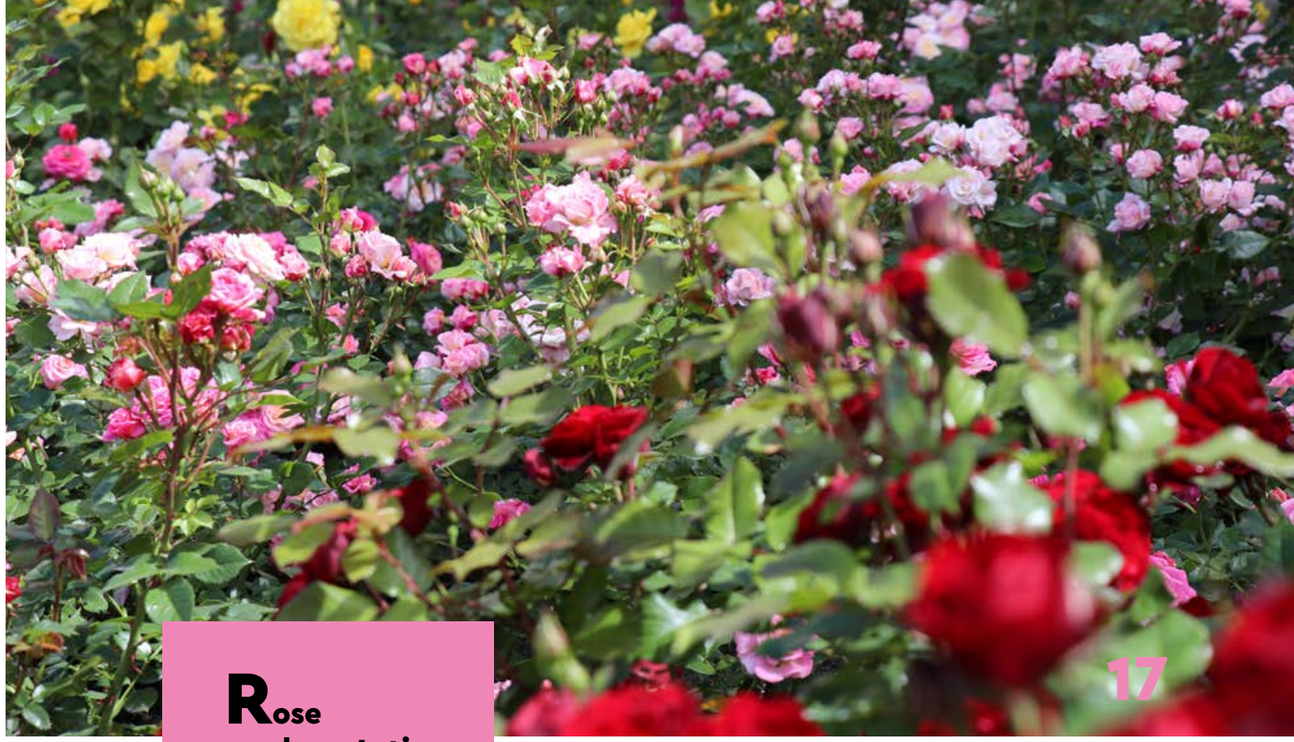
Address: Raudas St. 16, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Baronesse', 'Decora', 'Gräfin Diana', 'Donatella' and 'Chippendale'

20. Flowerbed "Rose Festival Rose"

The largest rose in the town is made from summer flowers – begonias and succulents plants, and in spring – tulips and other bulbous flowers. The flower bed is designed in the form of the Rose Festival logo, which is why it is also called the "Rose Festival Rose".

Address: Intersection of Krasta – Meža Streets, Tukums



Rose gardener's tips

- The miniature roses suffer little from frost damage and grow vigorously throughout the season.
- Climbing roses like to grow on the south side of buildings, and are useful for growing around gazebos and pergolas.

'Lavaglut'

21. Roses in the Durbe Manor courtyard

Durbe Manor is known as an example of classicist architecture in Kurzeme. The manor managers have also tried to follow this style in landscaping in the yard in the 21st century. A multitude of rose varieties grow in front of the two farm buildings, but in front of the manor building, beds have been created with the wonderful floribunda rose variety 'Heimatmelodie'. This breed was created in 2000 in Germany. It is one of the roses that has almost no scent, but is very eye-catching, because the flower petals are matte creamy white on the outside, but dark, raspberry pink on the inside. An exceptionally delicate rose, donated to the palace by Daila Trubiņa.

Address: M. Parka St. 7, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Heimatmelodie', 'Capri', 'Maria Theresia' and 'Westerland'

22. Rose bed of Jauntukums

The park rose 'Lidija Freimane' has found a place in the town albeit in a seemingly unattractive place – at the intersection of major streets in Jauntukums. In June, when it blooms, it brings joy with its large flowers and fragrance to everyone who is travelling to the centre of Tukums and back from work to Jauntukums.

Address: Intersection of Jelgavas and Alīnes streets, Tukums

Rose variety: 'Lidija Freimane'

23. Veļķi Rose Bed

The rose bed in Veļķi was created in 2020. Just like people who come in all shapes and sizes, the gardeners of Tukums have created a rose bed that reflects this diversity. Here, the flower bed created in the roundabout blooms with flowers ranging from light red-pink to fiery orange, from calm blue-lilac to lush purple. Roses were purchased from "ArB Agro".

Address: Intersection of Marsa and Veļķu streets, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Blue Parfum', 'Heidi Klum Rose', 'Roseromantic', 'Bentheimer Gold' and 'Mainzer Fastnach'

24. Rose beds of Lauktehnika

You will not immediately notice the rose beds of Lauktehnika, as several beds include Burnet roses and park roses. The common white Burnet roses (20 plants) were purchased at the nursery "Blīdene" and symbolically remind us that the real place name here is Mācītājmuiža (Vicarage) and Mācītājlauki (Vicar's fields). Park roses are planted in various colours: light pink, pink with a white centre, red, and pure white. All 100 park roses were purchased from "ArB Agro".

Address: Kuldīgas St. 70, 72 and 74, Tukums

Rose varieties: Burnet rose *Rosa pimpinellifolia*, park roses 'Ābeļzieds', 'Guna', 'Kate', 'Līga' and 'Sniedze'

'Heimatmelodie'

Rose gardener's tips

- Mulch can be very useful for wintering roses – it is applied to the rose before frost sets in, thus protecting it from freezing.
- To prevent roses from freezing, you can also put spruce branches around them.

'Leonardo da Vinci'

'Heidi Klum Rose'

'Lidija Freimane'

25. The fragrant bed of roses in the Town Park

In 2025, a bed of fragrant French roses was created in the town Park. It has 30 different varieties of roses planted in a way that every park visitor would become enchanted by aroma as they walk past them or relax on park benches.

Address: Lielā St. 36A, Tukums

Rose varieties: 'Flame Origami Meitincel', 'Blue Parfum Duftwolke', 'Constanze Mozart', 'Yves Piaget', 'Carmen Würth', 'Sexy Perfumella', 'Coral Lions Rose', 'Crème Brûlée', 'Marzipan', 'Beverly', 'Divina', 'Gräfin Diana', 'Gartenträume', 'Line Renaud', 'Toulouse-Lautrec', 'Tropicana', 'Madame Anisette', 'Bees Paradise Rose', 'Global Water', 'Pierre Arditi', 'Jazz', 'Playful Rokoko', 'Admiral', 'Irina', 'Happy Piano', 'Alexandra Princesse de Luxembourg' un 'Schöne Maid'

Mini rose 'Fuchsia Terrazza'

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26. Rose pots on Pils and Elizabetes streets

As the warmer weather sets in, tall roses of various varieties, which were planted in 2018, are first to blossom in the town – they are planted in pots on the sunny sides of Pils and Elizabetes streets. Usually, in the springtime, they are accompanied by windowsills adorned with potted pansies, followed by summer flowers and grasses, but since 2025, mini roses in various colours have joined them. The first tall roses were purchased here in Tukums municipality, at the rose nursery "ArB Agro", but later the streets were also supplemented with roses purchased from the farm "Virškalni" in the Ķekava municipality, while the small mini roses come from "ArB Agro".

Address: Elizabetes and Pils streets, Tukums

Rose varieties: tall stem roses – 'Blue Parfume', 'Orangerie', 'Rene Goscinny', 'Fresia', etc., mini roses – 'Fuchsia Terraza'

27. Burnet roses on the town streets

Back in the day, no country style garden was imaginable without a white Burnet rose bush. It has become less common today. In the quiet part of central Tukums – on Rīgas Street, what seems to be the largest Burnet rose bushes in the town grow. They usually bloom for only a short time in late May or early June, enchanting every passerby with their fragrance. Some of the lushest bushes bloom also on Baložu Street, as well as in the Old Town – on Dārza Street. Burnet roses are called rose princesses, whose bloom heralds the rose season that is yet to come.

Address: Rīgas St. 24, Baložu St. 1 and Dārza St. 19, Tukums

Rose variety: *Rosa pimpinellifolia*

Facts about roses

For years, breeders have crossed roses of different colours in an attempt to create the seemingly impossible – a light blue rose, because roses do not contain the pigment needed to produce a blue colour. There have been many attempts to create a blue rose, and many rose varieties bear names that include the colour blue, but most of these roses bloom in gardens in shades of purple and violet rather than blue. In 2002, after 13 years of work, genetic engineering, in collaboration with an Australian company *Florigene* and a Japanese company *Suntory*, the world's first light blue rose variety was created. It was publicly announced and presented to the public under the name "Suntory blue rose Applause" in June 2004, but after completing various formalities, this variety reached buyers only in 2009.

840 and 5 mm

The world's smallest rose was cultivated by the Indian resident Sudhir Khetavat. The variety is called 'Si'. The size of the bud of this rose is only a little more than 5 millimetres. The world's largest rose was bred by Nikita K. Rulhoksoffski from California. The diameter of the flower reached 84 cm.

Recipe

Jaunmokas Manor Rose Petal Jam

Ingredients

- 125 g rose petals (fresh)
- 1 kg sugar
- 50 ml water
- 1 tsp citric acid

Preparation

Melt the sugar in water and bring to a boil. Wash the rose petals, dip them in boiling water for 2 seconds, and immediately transfer them to the boiling syrup. Cook over high heat until thickened. Add citric acid before the end of cooking. Pour into jars while hot.

Please note that only rose petals that have grown in the garden without the use of chemicals on the flowers should be used for both tea and jam.

Find out more about tea and jam tasting, as well as a tour of the Tea Garden at Jaunmokas Manor: www.jaunmokupils.lv

Roses that are not roses

Peonies in the peony garden "Romju pojenes"

"Čupu" roses or peonies

Do you know what "čupu" roses are? It turns out that in Latvia in the past **peonies** used to be called that. And indeed – their flowers look so much like English rose flowers! Peonies are also called the roses of May. Probably because they start blooming in May. However, their original name comes from the healer-god Paean mentioned in ancient Greek legends, because peonies growing in the wild were a medicinal plant. The peonies mentioned in Latvian folk songs are also various varieties of the medicinal peony.
It is believed that peonies were brought to Latvia by German monks. It is documented that peonies were planted in 1721, when, on the orders of the Russian Tsar Peter I, the Keiser's Garden was established in Riga, later named Viesturdārzs. Today, the most popular are the Chinese peony varieties, which were introduced to Western Europe from China in the 19th century. They have the largest number of varieties – around 3,000 predominantly in white, pink, and red.
In Latvian gardens and parks, garden peonies are among the most beloved ornamental plants, because many peony varieties have a pleasant scent. They also boast a great variety of shapes and types, and today they have only one task – to be beautiful.
They have also been planted in the town of Tukums: six varieties in the town Park, away from the children's playground, to delight those who enjoy peaceful relaxation with their view and scent.

Cutleaf coneflowers

In the last century, in every farmhouse, from mid-summer until the autumn frosts, the **cutleaf coneflowers** blossomed. In the olden days, only large, two-meter-tall, cutleaf coneflowers were grown, resembling double dahlias. They looked wonderful in vases and bouquets. They often grew near houses or high fences because their flower heads were heavy and the stems could not support the large flowers. Coneflowers are among the most durable and longest-blossoming flowers. When they bloom, the garden looks like it has been bathed in sunlight. Thanks to today's many varieties, even in the gardens of Tukums, beds of coneflowers of various sizes and yellow shades can be seen, bathed in the autumn sun.

Chrysanthemum

Chrysanthemums or Martin's roses

Martin's roses were and are the last autumn flowers to blossom in the Latvian climate. They are a part of the **chrysanthemum** families. They are also one of the oldest plants, as they were grown in China three thousand years ago, but they only reached Europe in the 17th century. Where do chrysanthemums or Martin's roses get their name? Probably because they bloom rather late – around St. Martin's Day.
The number of chrysanthemum varieties in the world exceeds 10 thousand, and around 400 varieties are known in Latvia. The single-flowered chrysanthemums with their large flower heads are very popular as gifts, and in the fall, large, bushy chrysanthemums appear in gardens, both in beds and in pots near front doors and fences. In Tukums, they dot the landscaping, dispelling the gloom of autumn greyness. All you have to do is note what colour is in fashion each year.

Common hollyhocks
Alcea rosea

Large roses or hollyhocks

Hollyhock roses, also known as the large roses are the 1.8 m tall long-flowering and eye-catching roses. Many will remember **hollyhocks** blooming in their grandmothers' gardens in the countryside. They grow in wilderness in Asia Minor, the Balkan Peninsula, and Crete. They have been known in Europe since the Middle Ages. It is believed that they were brought from Asia Minor during the Crusades.
Hollyhocks (*Alcea rosea*) are not usually planted in urban gardens because they are biennial flowers and in most cases the plants die after flowering. However, sometimes they continue to grow and bloom for several years in a row as true perennials, because most often the simplest of them successfully self-sow and continue to grow and bloom in the same place, such as, for example, in Tukums, at 1 Tidaholmas Street. But in town gardens, they grow and bloom from July to September with double flowers in various colours – white, red, yellow, salmon, pink, purple, and brown-red.

Daisies

Did you know that the **daisies** are a typical "grandmother's garden flower" called Mary's flower or small rose? Looking at this small flower, which looks more like a small daisy, few would think of calling it a rose (transl. little rose). In Latvian folk songs, the word 'flower' is synonymous with the word 'rose', and since the rose has been known for a long time, everything seems clear. Today, daisies are common not only in backyard lawns, but also in urban landscaping, delighting every town dweller, from the great moment of spring flowering.

Daisies

Hellebores

Would you like to see a miracle? Go to the town park when the snowdrifts still cover the ground and you will see roses blooming! Snow white, pink, and purple. They wake up early and are not afraid of frost, and are among the first to delight those walking in the park with their beauty. They are winter flowers or **hellebores**.

Hellebores (*Helleborus*) are the earliest flowering perennials. In Central and Western Europe, the hellebore also blooms around Christmas time, which is why it is also called the Christ or Christmas rose. However, they have little in common with roses, as they belong to the rose family.

Many perennial species have also adapted well to growing in Latvia. The best known is the black wintergreen (*Helleborus niger*), which is found naturally in mountain forests in the southern Kalķalpi, the Apennines, and the northern Balkan Peninsula. It usually blooms with white, sometimes pinkish flowers in late March and blooms until late April, for about 40 days, but may appear earlier in warm winters. Oriental hellebore (*Helleborus orientalis*) can have very dark flowers. The colour of their flowers can range from greenish-white to dark purple. It starts blooming a little earlier than the hellebore and blooms longer – around the first decade of May. Meanwhile, the purple hellebore (*Helleborus purpurascens*) blooms from early April until the first half of May – for about 40 days in a greyish purple to purple-violet colour. All 3 types of winter flowers can also be seen in the Town Park in early spring. They were purchased at SIA "Stādaudzētava Blīdene". Note that even in the olden days, these plants were used to make both medicine and poison, as they contain poisonous glycosides and helleborein.

Water lilies

Water lilie
Nymphaea candida

If a Latvian doesn't have his own corner of a river or lake, he digs a pond or installs a fountain, because water not only refreshes, but also calms. And then you want a flower that brings something miraculously beautiful to the surface of the water from the dark depths. To wit, a **water lily**. Two species of water lilies are found in the wild in Latvia – the white water lily (*Nymphaea alba*) and the dwarf water lily (*Nymphaea candida*), but in Latvia they are considered ornamental plants, and in some places varieties with pinkish, yellow and red flowers are even grown. Turns out that most of the water lily varieties found here were those created at the beginning of the 20th century and also after World War II in France and England. While making improvements to the area of Pavārkalns hill in Tukums, the ponds at its foot were also cleared up and 3 varieties of water lilies were planted there in 2014 – 'Attraction', 'Marliacea Rosea' and 'Marleacea Albida', which bloom in pink, rose and white colours.

Easter hellebores
Helleborus orientalis

Shrubby cinquefoil

The shrubby cinquefoil are ornamental shrubs of the rose family. In the wild in Latvia, they are found only in Tukums region – at the Čužu bog of the ancient Abava river valley. The shrub grows up to 1.5 meters tall and blooms with yellow flowers in summer.

But today, shrubby cinquefoil has become a popular landscaping plant because they grow quickly, are hardy, and bloom for a long time – from June until late autumn. Visually, this ornamental shrub bears little resemblance to a rose, but it looks impressive and has abundant blossoms. In turn, the name in Latvian (*klinšrozīte* – lit. rock rose) indicates its resistance, including to exhaust gases, which is why they are also very common in public parks.

More than 40 varieties of shrubby cinquefoil are grown in Latvia. Tukums' landscaping mainly includes 'Goldfinger' – yellow-flowering bushes, but in the gardens of local residents you are sure to see also bushes with white, orange, pink and cream-coloured flowers.

Where to buy a rose plant for your garden?

In Tukums

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Rose grower Gints Gailis
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Rose growers Ilona un Edgars Gaiļi
Gaismas St. 16, Tukums
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Rose grower Mārīte Grausmane
Saules St. 2, Tukums
Tel.: (+371) 29748580

In Tukums Municipality

Rose grower Inese Zīriņa
Jūras St. 76, Engure, Engure parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 29256041

Rose grower Artūrs Kalvāns
"Mežāres", Antiņciems, Lapmežciems parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 26375294
www.stadisim.lv

SIA "ArB Agro" | "Bumbieru rozes"
"Rožulejas", Kaive, Sēme parish, Tukums region
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www.bumbierurozes.lv

Rose Garden – Rose Nursery "Rozītes" | Daila and Bruno Trubiņš
"Rozītes", Sēme parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 26469604
www.dailasrozes.lv

Rose Garden – Rose Nursery "Jāņadārzs" | Jānis Blūms
"Sarmas", Vāne parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 26335583
www.janadarzs.lv

Collection and ornamental gardens in the vicinity of Tukums

Peony garden
"Ķesterciema peonijas"

Decorative garden of Dace Lukševica in Tukums
Lejas St. 1, Tukums
Tel.: (+371) 29177195
www.skaistiedarzi.lv

Rose garden – nursery "Rozītes"
"Rozītes", Sēme parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 26469604
www.dailasrozes.lv

Peony garden "Romju pojenes"
"Romji", Irlava parish, Tukums region
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Facebook: Romju pojenes

Peony garden "Zīļu peonijas"
"Zīles", Slampe parish, Tukums region
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Facebook: Zīļu Peonijas

Peony garden "Ķesterciema peonijas"
Gatves St. 1A, Ķesterciems, Engure parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 28805876
Facebook: ķesterciema peonijas

Ligita Čukure's ornamental garden in Engure
Jūras St. 59, Engure, Engure parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 29424424
Facebook: Magnolia Park - atpūtas mājiņas

Garden of Irises of Laimonis Zaķis
"Intes", Kandava parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 29286353
www.irisgarden.lv

Ornamental garden "Kalēji" in the ancient Abava river valley
"Kalēji", Kandava parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 26100151

Rose garden – nursery "Jāņadārzs"
"Sarmas", Vāne parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 29324193, 26335583
www.janadarzs.lv

"Celmu pasaule" hydrangea garden
"Celmi", Smārde parish, Tukums region
Tel.: (+371) 29150122
www.facebook.com/Celmupasaule

Ornamental tree garden of Jānis Auziņš "Hederas"
"Hederas", Tume parish, Tukums region
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Booking in advance is required for visits to every garden

The symbol of the Rose Festival is the large rose wreath. **It is not only the largest wreath made using living flowers in Latvia, but also in the entire world, because nothing like it is created anywhere else.**

2008 – the first festival, during which the first rose wreath is created using **3700** flowers.

2010 – the second festival, in which **4539** flowers are placed in the wreath forming a large, colourful circle of roses.

2012 – the third festival takes place with the motto "Rose Wedding", and a wreath containing **5116** roses of different colours is made.

2014 – the fourth festival, in which the wreath is made of **5150** rose flowers of different colours.

2016 – the fifth rose festival, when the wreath is made of **6036** individual flowers of various colours.

2018 – the sixth festival was dedicated to the centenary of Latvia; a rose wreath containing **5935** flowers was made with a floral Latvian flag ribbon over it.

2021 – the seventh Rose Festival, when the most colourful wreath was created using **6040** flowers in all shades of amber.

2023 – the eighth Rose Festival, when the wreath was made predominantly in pink tones, saw the largest rose wreath created so far containing **10,143** flowers.

Rose Festival in Tukums

www.facebook.com/rozusvetki

Follow the festival page, go to the festival and be one of those who

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