



ITALIAN GARDENS

Giardino alla Italiana



THE ITALIAN STYLE GARDEN



- During the Renaissance, the Italian style garden was the landmark and starting point for the evolution of European landscape gardening.
- Garden design was geometric with symmetrical elements. Gardens were filled with fountains, pools, waterfalls, statues and other features designed to amuse the owners and impress visitors.
- The main purpose of landscape gardening was a balanced participation between art and nature.

THE LATER DEVELOPMENT OF ITALIAN STYLE GARDEN

The principles and techniques of Italian gardens spread through Europe during the 16th and 17th century, influencing the creation of two basic European styles, French and English. The French style was characterized by strict a complicated symmetrical and geometric planting of beds and paths, whereas the English garden presented an idealized view of nature with a pleasant anarchy of shapes and colors.



Chateau of Versailles



Hyde Park

THE GARDEN OF VILLA CARLOTTA



- The villa was built in around 1690 and since then it has been one of the major sights of Tremezzo, near Lake Como. It chiefly owes its reputation to its museum and fascinating romantic garden.
- Over time part of the main, Italian style design was transformed into English style areas, resulting in an exceptional example of a romantic garden with a successful fusion of different styles. Obviously it was created to display the wealth and social status of the owners.
- The famous garden is similar to a botanic garden, with an unending richness of plant species.

Harmonic coexistence of different styles

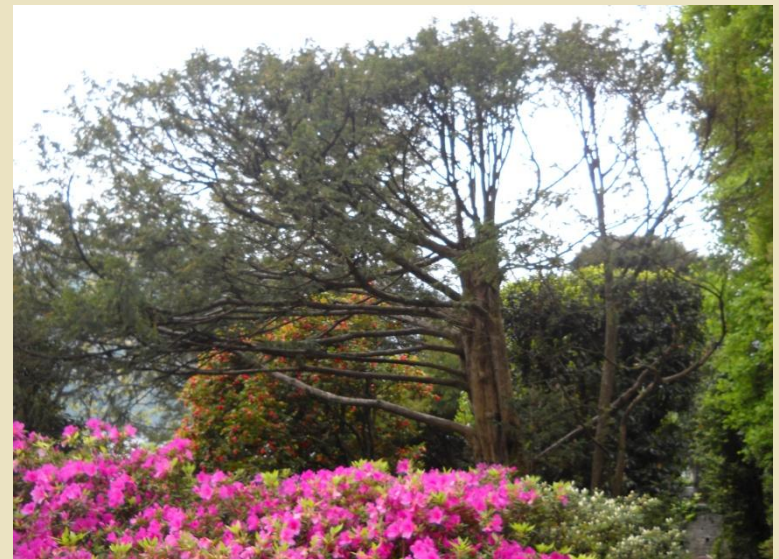
Villa Carlotta



- Italian style

Harmonic coexistence of different styles

- English style



Villa Carlotta

A variety of landscapes

- Rock garden



- Constructed (artificial) brook



*Villa
Carlotta*

- Rhododendron wood



A GLANCE AT CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN GARDENS

Racecourse
of
Milan





View of Parco Sempione
& Arco della pace from the garden of Sforza Castle

A CLANCE AT CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN GARDENS

- Following modern forms in landscape architecture, the design of small or dig gardens, private or public, is dependent on many factors and not only on the style of the garden.
- The main purpose is to create a functional landscape allowing the natural environment to penetrate into the human environment in order to enhance the physical and mental health of town dwellers.
- Charming and aesthetic contemporary gardens reveal the long-lived Italian tradition in landscape architecture that blends nature harmonically with art.

Contemporary Italian gardens



.... Balcony and roof gardens





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