

Sochi

Arboretum.

At the beginning of 2012, Sochi National Park was given a world-famous Arboretum. It is a huge wildlife museum and one of the most beautiful parks on the Black Sea coast. It is simply impossible to come to Sochi and not visit the Arboretum! The park's total area is nearly 50 hectares, and it has numerous terraces and alleys. In the center of the park there is dacha Nadejda, which was built in the late 19th century, and its adjacent stairs and alleys. The dacha was named after the wife of nobleman Hudekov, the founder of the park. You can walk around the arboretum all day, and besides enjoying the natural beauty you can admire the neatly-designed gazebos, sculptures, fountains, and flower vases, which were built in the last century by of a Franco-Italian cast iron company at Hudekov's request.

There are over 1,700 species of plants here. You can also see a whole range of "edible" trees - bread, candy, strawberry, and even soap and iron trees. The English park, the palm tree alley, Latin American landscapes, and the spring pink colors of the Japanese cherry tree - visitors to the Arboretum can revel in natural beauty from all around the world. The peacocks that stroll around the park alleys are particularly loved by park visitors. There is a cable car that takes you to the top of the park, and at the bottom there is a pond with majestic swans. The highlight of the Arboretum is the rose garden, which contains a wide variety of roses that bloom from early spring to late autumn.

Friendship Tree Garden –Museum.

The unique Friendship Tree Garden –Museum is located near the Arboretum. Its main exhibit, naturally, is the friendship tree itself, which is more than 80 years old today. In the 1930's, a Sochi scientist F.M. Zorin planted a wild lemon tree, and then grafted 45 branches of citrus plants to the tree. The grafted branches were plants from many different countries: Japanese tangerines, Chinese kinkans, Italian lemons, Spanish oranges and many others. In 1957, following the suggestion of their Vietnamese colleagues, Sochi botanists named this tree-garden "Friendship Tree", and continued grafting new plant species to it. Now the tree has branches from almost 170 countries, with over 630 grafts. Presidents from around the world, as well as political and cultural figures have all participated in the creation of this legendary tree in Sochi. Near the tree, there is a park of young friendship tree. To continue the fine tradition, they are planted by foreign guests visiting Russia from other countries. By the way, this is where the original Friendship Museum was opened, in which you can see exhibits of all the gifts that were brought to the tree from around the world. Now there are more than 20 000 of them, and they include small caskets of soil from the givers' homeland or from memorable historical sites, souvenirs, letters, photos and much more.

Lunch (lunch is not included in tour price).

Sochi railway station, Sea port, the Temple of Archangel Michael, Winter Theatre (walk).

The duration of the excursion: 8-9 hours.

Price for 1 person, euro in the group of

15 persons	25 persons	35 persons	45 persons
125	110	90	75

Tour includes:

Transport and English-speaking guide service according to the program
Entry tickets.



Additional Service (extra pay):

Lunches (we recommend interesting restaurants or include it later)

Additional personal expenses

Attention:

- ✓ Please, specify the price of the program before booking.
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