

Kārlamuiza manor's Pomological Garden

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Every traveller to the Kārļamuiža area will notice the scattered enclaves of sometimes well-tended, sometimes overgrown apple orchards and the magnificent, flowering clusters of acacias, Hungarian and Amur lilacs, barberries, bird cherry trees, mock orange trees, peonies, spireas, roses and hazel trees. They are the witnesses of a bygone and bustling past.

In the 1870s, Count Emanuel von Sievers (1817–1909), who was the manor's owner at the time, and his son Alexander von Sievers (1851–1935), established a pomological garden (pomology is a field of botany that studies fruit trees and bushes) and a tree nursery. A plant catalogue published in 1912 shows that the tree nursery at that time contained more than 1,450 varieties of fruit trees, ornamental shrubs and trees, and produced about 30,000 plants per year. From 1871 to 1914 Kārļamuiža was home to the first horticulture school in the Baltic States, where many later well-known horticulturists received an education.

These past accomplishments inspired the owners of Kārļamuiža Hotel who continue to cultivate the apple trees in order to preserve the old varieties. They also maintain and renew the historic manor landscape park's tree plantations. More than 100 different old varieties of apples still grow in the hotel's orchards today. The extent of the old gardens continue to astonish, especially if you visit the hotel when the apple trees are blossoming, or during the apple harvest.

Features

- Restrooms for customers
- Picnic or resting places
- Coffee
- Pre-booking required
- Shelter in case of rain or sun
- Playground for children
- Pets are welcome

Styles

- Manor park
- Collection garden

Opening Hours

May 1- October 31 open every day from 10:00 to 17:00.

Group Visits

Guided tours are available for groups from 2 to 50 people.
Advance booking is required.

Parking

Space for 25 cars and 3 buses.

Tickets

Entrance Fee
5 EUR per person
(parking and restroom access included)

Guided Tours
Starting from 145 EUR + 5 EUR per person
For 2 people – 155 EUR (including entrance fee)
For 50 people – 645 EUR (including entrance fee)

Accommodation

Double, triple and quadruple rooms available, as well as a cottage. Space for total of 30 guests.

Seasonality

Open from May 1 to October 31 .

Additional Information

Onsite accommodation and dining.

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Garden Plan

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