

Tulip and Cherry Blossom Garden

Flowers are the star attraction among the 3,000 plant varieties at Hamamatsu Flower Park. Many reach full bloom between March and June, and the tulip and cherry blossom garden is a sight to behold during its zenith. In early April, a multicolored array of Dutch tulips unfolds beneath 1,300 cherry trees, many in full bloom, with European grass completing the scene. Unlike *Zoysia japonica* lawn grass, European grass maintains its deep green color during the cold season. The rich green grass complements the brightly colored tulips and the cherry blossoms in the springtime.

The combination of vibrant European flora with delicate Japanese cherry blossoms creates an extraordinary landscape not seen elsewhere in Japan on such a grand scale. In the daytime, visitors can picnic under the trees, and at night the blossoms can be viewed in a different light as they are illuminated from below.