

The Greenhouse

Just past the main gate and the Dancing Fountain is a large greenhouse. Nicknamed the Crystal Palace, the greenhouse gives the impression of a giant crystal. Inside is a large collection of rare and interesting plants from around the world.

In the center of the greenhouse is the Garden Theater, where vast and elaborate seasonal flower displays are changed five to six times a year. This space also houses a small café and is the main stage for the Christmas illuminations.

Just past the Garden Theater is the Bali Garden, which showcases a multitude of colorful tropical plants. The flowers, creepers, and fruit plants are changed periodically, and rare plants are always on display. One example is the black cat variety of the *Tacca* genus, one of the only species of plant in the world to grow black flowers with large drooping “whiskers.”

The final area in the greenhouse is the Mexican Garden. Filled with succulents, cacti, and wild desert flowers, the garden is a microcosm of plants in a dry, sandy wilderness.