## Trauttmansdorff: A new garden season

The Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle are stepping into the new season with a special exhibition "Succu...what? The fascinating world of succulents."

The Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle and the Touriseum are opening their doors on Friday 29 March for a brand-new season dedicated to succulent plants, a group of plants which also include cacti. The special exhibition "Succu...what? The fascinating world of succulents" will be illustrating the incredible range and ingenious survival strategies of these water-storing plants, and showcasing a number of useful plants including aloe vera, pineapple, vanilla, Indian ficus opuntia and sisal agave. The exhibition will feature information panels, photos, videos, plants, exhibits and interactive stations.

In addition to the exhibition, the gardens will be holding numerous events this coming year. They begin on Easter Monday with a botanical treasure hunt in the Gardens, followed by a Family Day in May. In summer, the Garden Nights concerts will see international music groups taking the lakeside stage, and, on Friday evenings in June, July and August the gardens will be open until 11 pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to take an evening tour to admire the endless facets of the Gardens in the dusky evening light and, from mid-June onwards, the Palm Café by the lily pond will be serving a long aperitif with live music. On three summer evenings, guests can also enjoy a picnic in the beautiful Gardens.

Trauttmansdorff is open from 9 am every day until 5 November. For more information, please see www.trauttmansdorff.it.