

## Franciscan Garden

**Current name of the site:** Franciscan Monastery Garden

**Category:** garden

**Type:** historic

**Location:** Františkánska 2, Bratislava

**Current owner/manager of the garden:** The garden is owned by a private Austrian company and is currently maintained by the Bratislava Old Town District; part of the cloister garden of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans)

The Franciscan church and monastery were an important medieval complex in the center of Bratislava, and the church was consecrated in 1291 by King Andrew III of Hungary. The monastery also included the Franciscan Garden, one of the oldest historic gardens in the city. The monks grew fruit, vegetables, and medicinal herbs there, which they used to care for the sick. Monastic life was centered on prayer, work, and learning.

The original medieval garden was later rebuilt in the Baroque style. It featured fountains, landscaped paths, and a cloister with a typical cross-shaped layout. The garden was protected by a stone wall, and according to historical records, it was known for its beautiful landscaping and high-quality mountain water. A historic linden tree, approximately 180 years old, has survived to this day.

The garden is currently open to the public, and since 2018, it has been maintained by the Old Town district. It features restored pathways, a fountain, artistic sculptures, and greenery with both native and ornamental trees. However, part of the garden—the Kvadrum Paradise Courtyard—remains generally closed to the public.