Trauttmansdorff Castel

Description

The botanical gardens at Trauttmansdorff Castel are located on the eastern outskirts of Merano and, with a surface area of 12 hectares, encompass various botanical environments with plants from around the world. One of the gardens' unique features is the natural landscape, which forms a sort of terraced amphitheater covering a difference in altitude of over 100 m, thus offering an endless array of views over the thermal spa town of Merano, Adige River Valley, and surrounding mountains, but also a world of insight in observing the various gardens full of exotic and Mediterranean plant life. The gardens are divided into four theme areas: the "Forests of the World," which are miniature versions of woodland environments in the Americas and Asia; the "Sun Gardens," which lead through the landscapes of the Mediterranean region; the "Water and Terraced Gardens," which include gardens designed with steps and flowing water; and the "Landscapes of South Tyrol," which offer a glimpse at the local area's native flora. A number of artist pavilions provide aesthetically pleasing reinterpretations of these environmental themes, also adding in recreational and educational aspects. Other noteworthy attractions are the suspended viewing platform designed by architect Matteo Thun, aviary, grotto with multimedia show, and lakeside stage for outdoor concerts. Thanks to this winning combination of art and nature, in 2005 the gardens were proclaimed the "most beautiful in Italy."

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Categories: Parks, gardens, courtyards

Setting: mediterranean

Water:	✓
Electricity:	✓
Elevator:	✓
Parking:	✓
Access for	passenger cars, commercial vehicles





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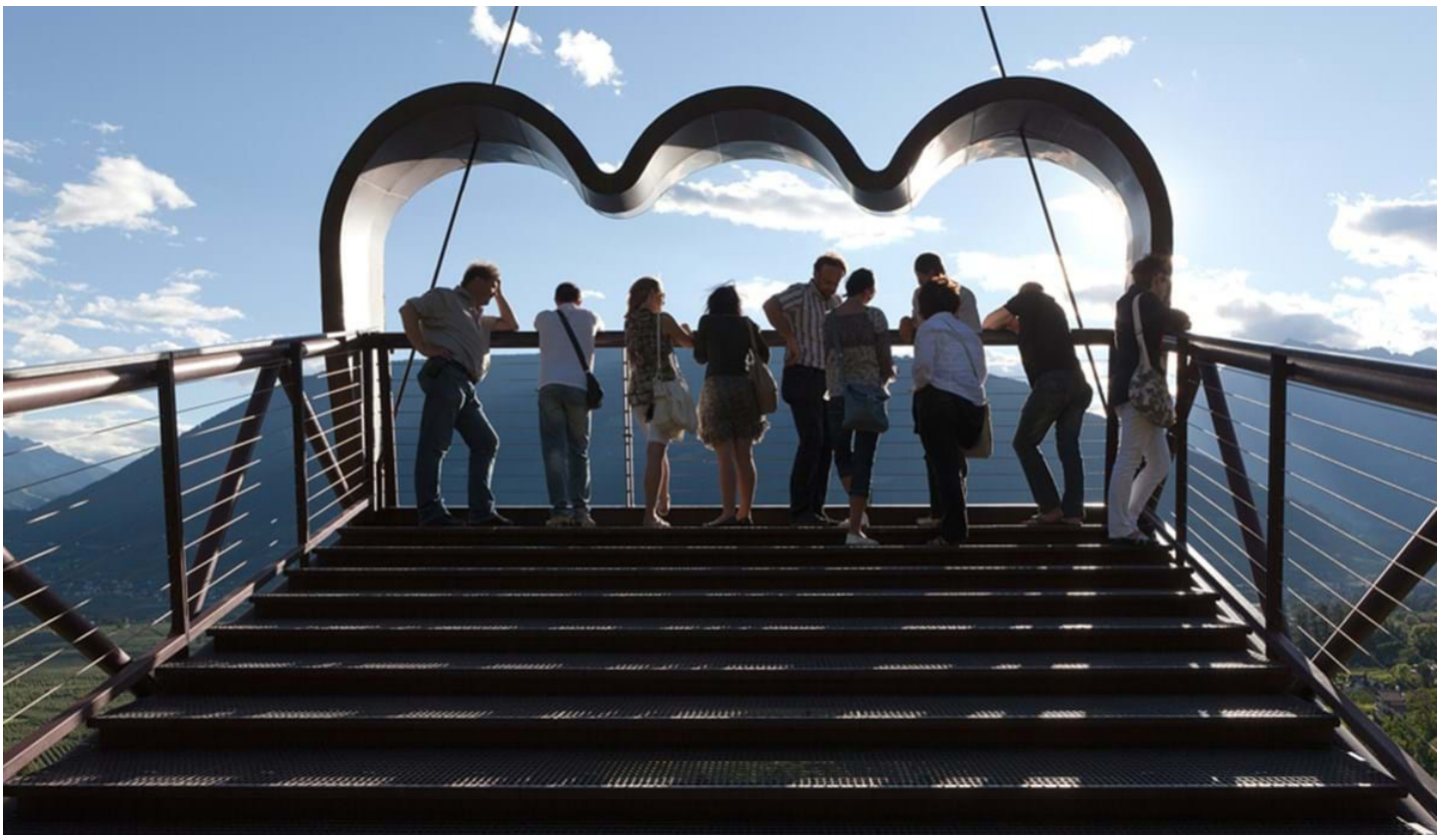
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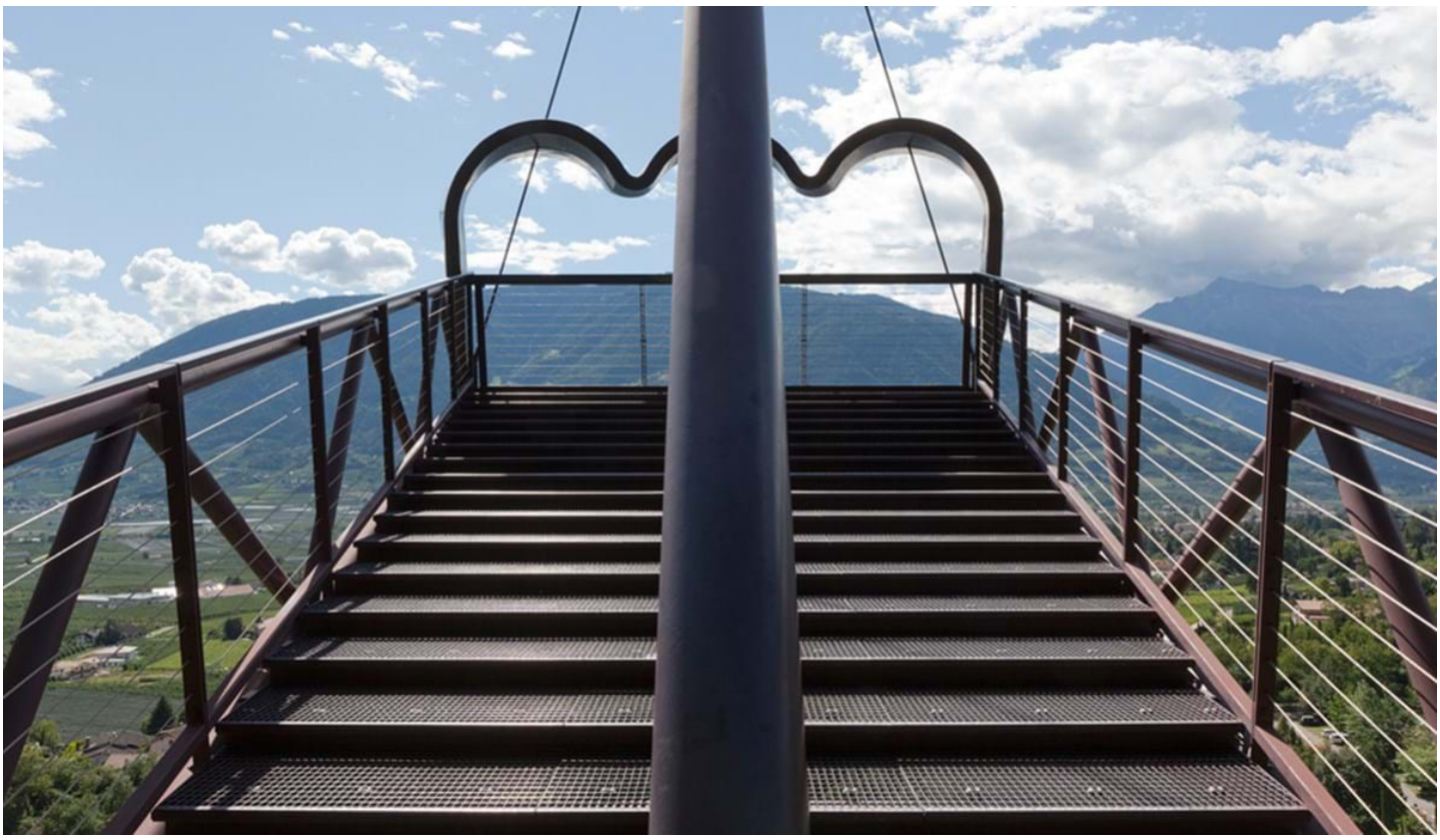
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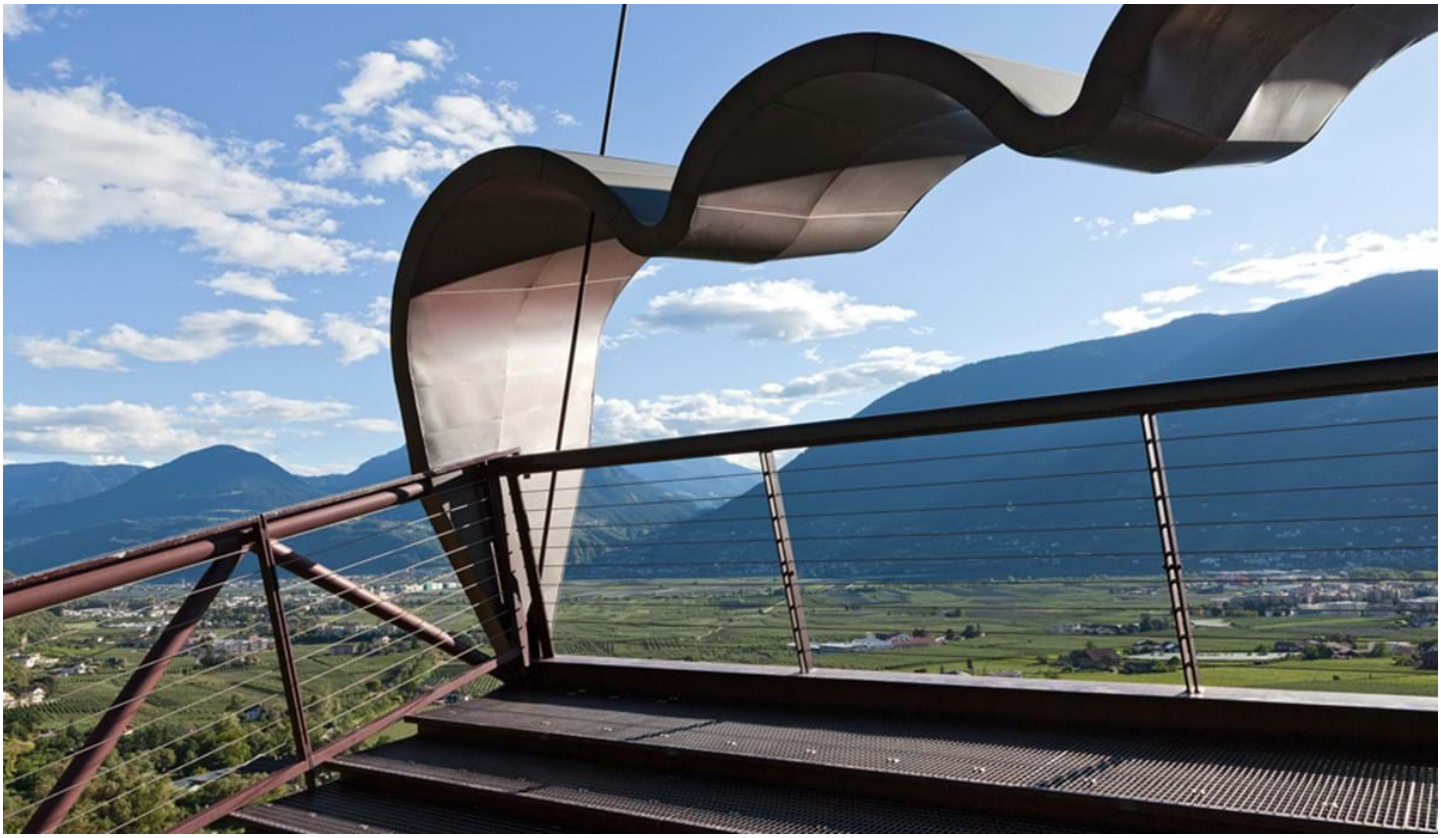
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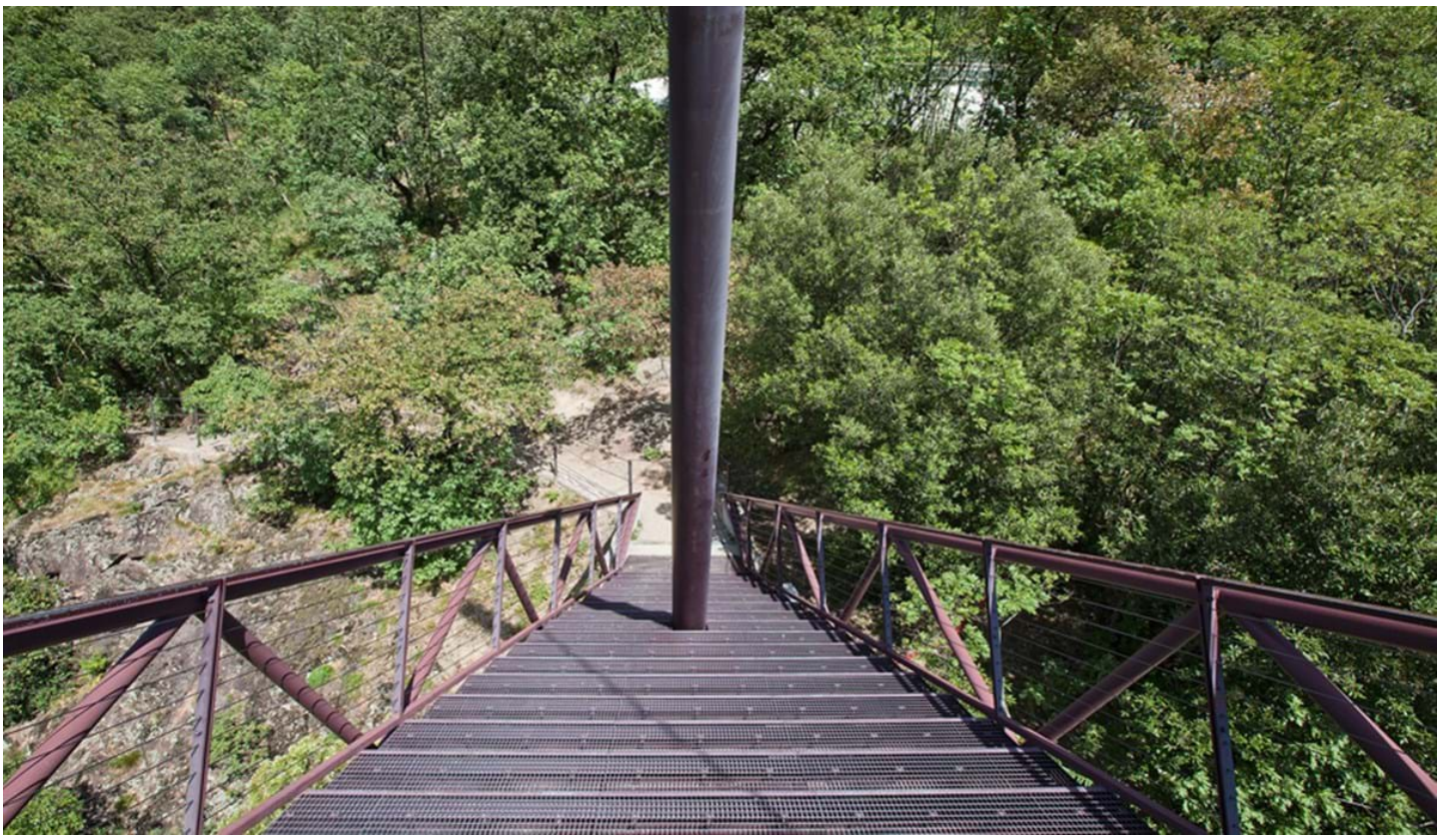
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