

Spanish Garden Design

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- The Iberian Peninsula Is Another Site Of A Significant Garden Design Concept



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- The Area Has Been Important Horticulturally For Thousands Of Years



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- After The Decline Of The Roman Empire, Islamic Spain Became The Center Of European Civilization

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- Gardens Show The Influence Of Political, Religious And Ethnic Diversity



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- This Diversity Has Helped Create A Unique Garden Style



CASA DE CAMPO. STATUE OF PHILIP III AND AGUILA FOUNTAIN. Municipal Museum, Madrid. Photo: Corbis

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- The Oldest Surviving Continuously Maintained Gardens Are The Patios And Courtyards Of Cordoba, Seville And Granada In Andalusia.



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- These Gardens Endure As Representatives Of Garden Designs Of A Former Time And Place.



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- Roman And Moorish Civilizations Contributed Much To The Design Of Spanish Gardens

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- Romans Occupied Spain For Seven Centuries From 205 B. C. To 500 A.D.

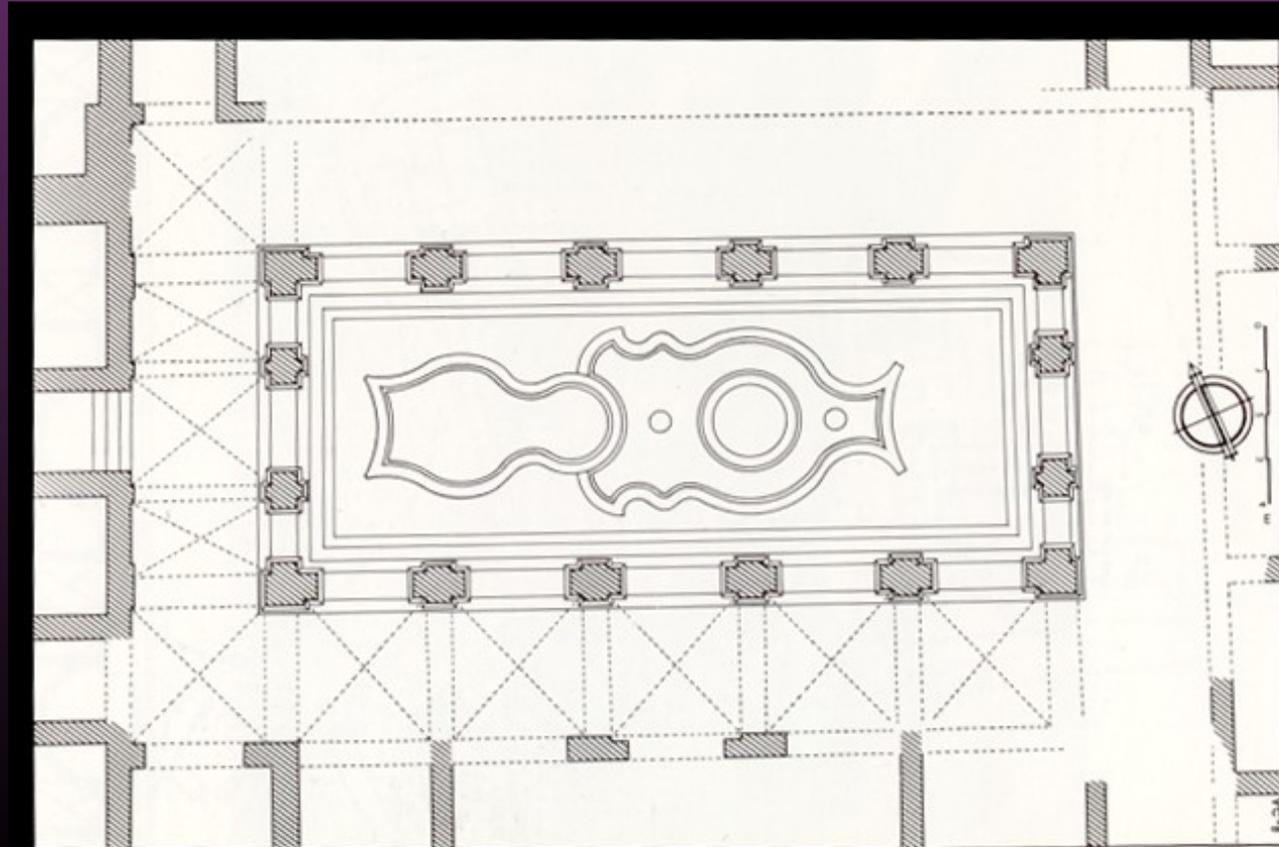


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- They Built Towns, Roads, Bridges, And Aqueducts Throughout Spain
- Many Of These Are Still In Use Today

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- The Roman Atrium Was The Model For The Spanish Patio



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- The Patio Became The Central Feature Of Spanish Garden Design



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- In 711 A.D. The Moors Brought Significant Advances In Agriculture And Horticulture And In The Arts And Sciences When They Conquered The Peninsula

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- They Built Elaborate Mosques And Palaces With Courtyards And Terraces That Incorporated The Essential Elements Of Shade, Water, And Plants

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- Elaborate Irrigation Systems Were Constructed To Water To Fields And Gardens

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- The Forecourt Of The Magnificent Mosque Of Cordoba, Planted With Rows Of Orange Trees Along The Irrigation Channels Is Thought To Be The Oldest, Continuously Maintained Garden In The W



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- It Represents The Concepts Of Gardens That Produced Food And Were Decorative

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- Moorish Gardens Were Private Retreats To Contemplate And Enjoy



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- The Islamic Influence On Horticulture Has Been Significant In The Iberian Peninsula And Important In The Horticulture Of Latin America

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- No Statues Are Seen In Spanish Gardens Of That Era As They Are Prohibited By The Koran

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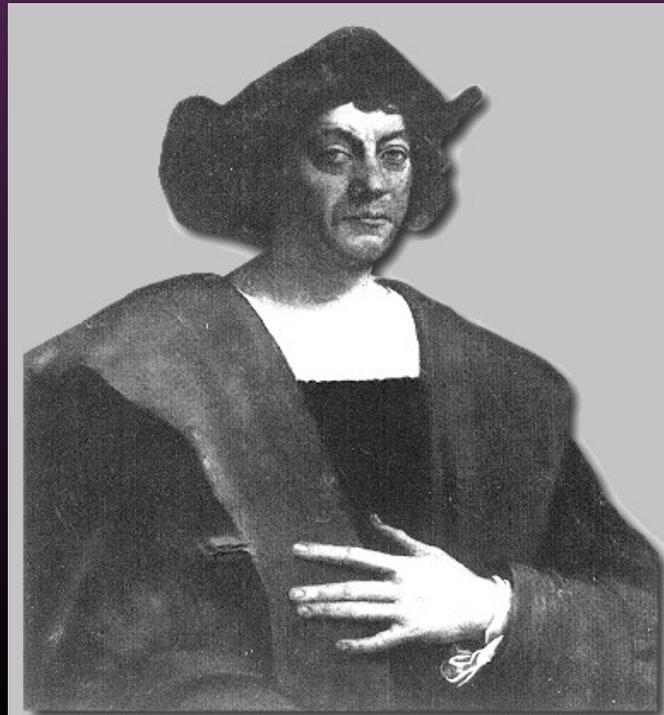
- The Islamic Influence Included Tools And Technology From China:
 - Gunpowder
 - Paper Making
 - The Compass

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- These Developments Created An Appetite For More Riches From The East

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- This Led To The Great Explorations That Resulted In The Discovery (From The European/western Perspective) And The Transfer Of Thousands Of Plants



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- This Spanish Mission in New Mexico Had Gardens That Were Typical Spanish Design



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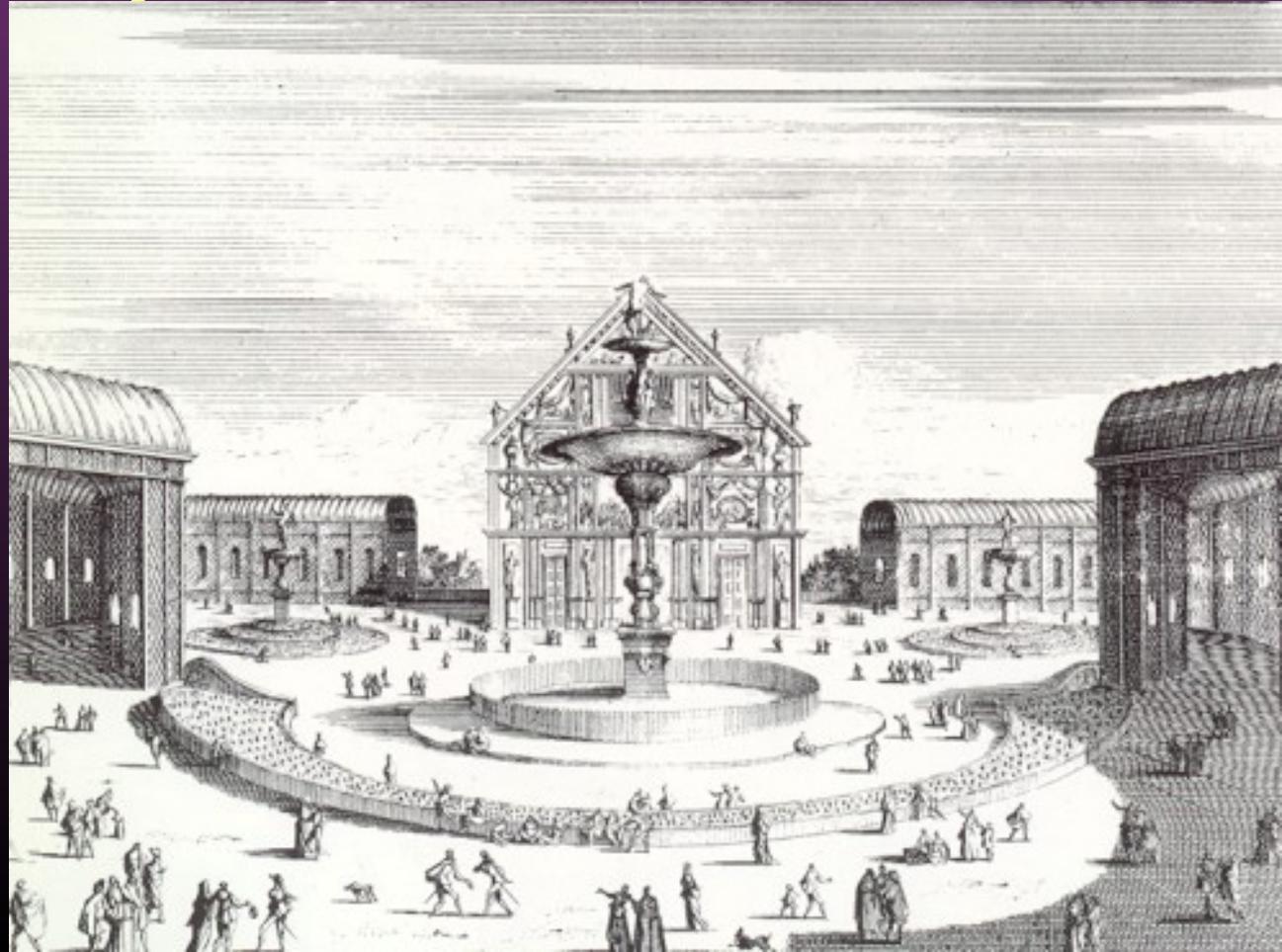
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- Because Of The Warm Climate, Gardens Were Designed To Be Enjoyed In All Seasons



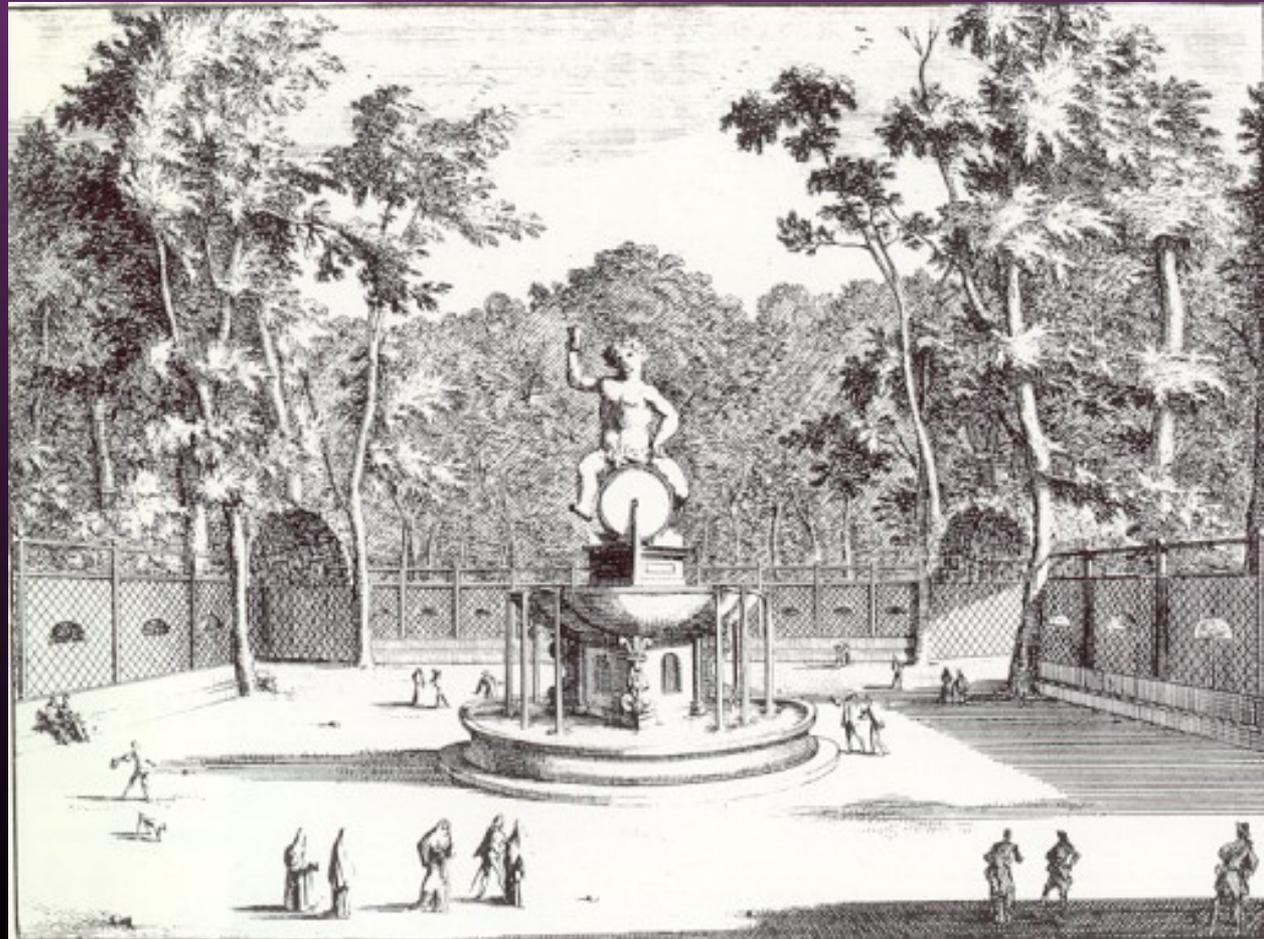
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- They Also Were Designed As Multi-sensory Gardens



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- They Had The Sound Of Water And Bird Song



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- They Had The Fragrance Of Oranges, Roses, And Jasmine



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- The Generalife Palace Shows The Importance Of Water As A Garden Element.

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- During The 15th Century, Christian Reconquest Of Spain, Culminated In 1492 With The Conquest Of Granada

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- There Was An Assimilation Of Islamic Learning And Design

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- Christians Incorporated Islamic Elements In Architecture And Garden Design, Using Moorish Craftsmen To Create Mudejar Designs

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- The Elaborate Palace And Patios Of Seville Are Excellent Examples Of Mudejar (Hispano-Islamic) Architecture



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- The Medieval Cloister Garden Continued The Courtyard Tradition In Cathedrals And Monasteries Where Monks Often Grew Medicinal Herbs And Flowers

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- The Renaissance Also Influenced Garden Design In Spain



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- Classical Statues Were Added To Gardens Along Topiary Hedges Which Were First Introduced To Spain By The Romans.



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- In The 16th Century Botanists Began To Collect Plants In The New World
They Brought Many Species To Europe

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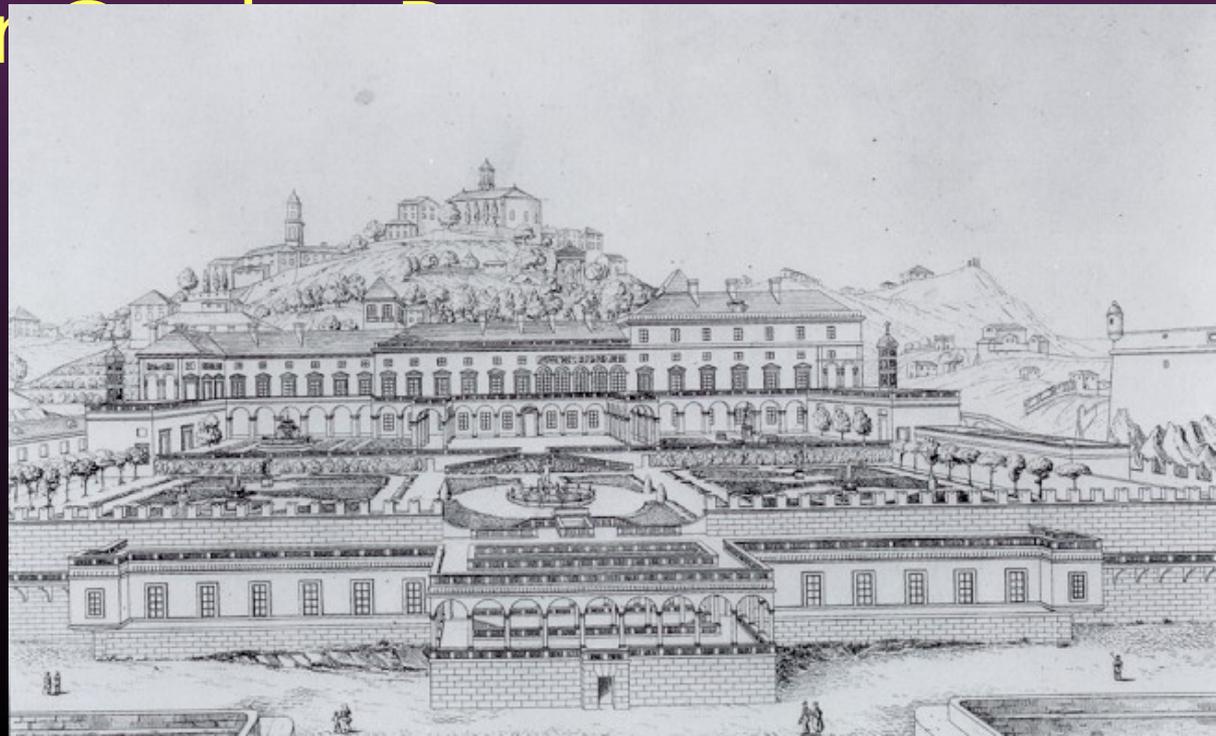
- Plants From The Americas And Africa Were Used Enthusiastically In Gardens Along With Plants From The Mediterranean Region

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- The Structure Of Gardens Is Often Defined By Walls Or By Clipped Hedges Planted In Geometric Patterns, Perhaps Inspired By Islamic Designs.

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- Privacy Is Achieved By Enclosures That Separate The Garden From The Outside World Or By Dividing The Space Into A Series Of Terraces Or Courtyards



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- Shade Is An Essential Element Of Gardens In A Mediterranean Climate.

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- Vine-covered Arbors And Covered Terraces Provide Shade And Shelter.



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- The Changing Patterns Of Sun And Shade In Patios Offer Visual Interest, While The Coverings Themselves Offer Protection From Summer Heat And Provide Warmth In Winter.

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- A Spanish Garden Emphasizes The Integration Of House And Garden Where Outdoor Living Is As Natural As Living Indoors

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- Patios And Terraces Are Outdoor Rooms That Extend The Architecture And Materials From The Interior To The Exterior For A Harmonious Effect.

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- Cultivated Areas Are Clearly Defined And Often Limited By Paved Areas That Reduce The Space For Planting So Plants Must Be Selected With Care.

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- Paving Materials Include Local Stone, Pebbles Or Tiles And Bricks Arranged In Decorative Patterns



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- Foliage, Fruits, And Fragrant Ornamentals Are Combined For Practicality And Pleasure.

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- Low Maintenance Gardens Are Achieved By Using Native And Drought-tolerant Plants With Colorful Accents Planted In Containers And Flowering Vines Climbing Over Walls And Balconies.

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- A Shaded Place With A Water Feature In The Form Of A Pool, Fountain, Or Simple Basin Refreshes Climate



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- These Become A Cool Oasis A Garden Designed For Privacy And Socializing

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- Spanish Gardens Are Inspirational And Offer Endless Possibilities For Mediterranean Climates



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- A Stroll Through The Narrow Streets Of The Old City Affords Glimpses Of Charming Patios Through Ornamental Iron Gates.

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- A Well Or Water Basin Typically Supplies Water For The Household And Cools The Patio In Warm Weather.

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- Taste From Citrus, Grapes And Dates

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- Symmetrical Beauty From The Hardscapes And The Plants



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- Textures From Stones, Plants And Other Materials



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- These Exquisite Patios And Palaces Were Designed For The Reign Of A Single Ruler, But Fortunately, They Were Preserved And Have Endured For Centuries As Examples Of Timeless Beauty

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- These Gardens And Palaces Are Integrated By Their Architecture, Decorative elements, And By Water Flowing Continuously From Interior Rooms Into Adjoining Courtyards And Terraces

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- The Alhambra Palace Is World Famous For The Delicate Carved Arches

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- The Same Moorish Influence That Culminated In The Alhambra Palace Also Developed A Distinct Garden Style

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