



VERDANT BEAUTY If you are planning a trip to Liguria in northwest Italy, which is renowned for its beautiful ornamental gardens, don't miss the opportunity to visit Villa della Pergola, villadellapergola.com. Built in the late 19th century, its restored gardens overlook the Gulf of Alassio and feature Mediterranean favourites, including cypress, citrus trees, paradise flowers and jacarandas. Guided tours are available until the end of October. Further along the coast is the Villa Durazzo (above), villadurazzo.it. Set on a hilltop in Santa Margherita within a park featuring exotic plants and palm trees, it offers expansive views over the bay. The garden has themed sections including a Romantic English Wood and the Secret Garden, a meeting place for lovers in the 19th century. To find out more about Liguria, visit turismoinliguria.it/en.