

## ***Adventure Tour: Walled Garden***

Persian garden—thousands of years old

Battlemented walls—look like a castle for protection. Can hide behind tall part, shoot arrows from open part.

Artemis—goddess of the hunt with a quiver of arrows, associated with nature

Weeping beeches—smooth bark like an elephant (compare to nearby Katsura) w branches fused, drooping branches

Canals—rhythmic bushes, flowers and fish

East Stoa—tropicals grow in greenhouse, bold colors and shapes

Monkey puzzle tree—ancient tree was once food for dinosaurs; spikes deterred them

Atlas cedar—horizontal branching; note woodpecker holes in bark

North pool—aquatics. Papyrus (paper in scrolls like Ionic capital), lotus, water lilies

Sphinxes—half lion, half bird with woman's face. Brave creatures for protection.

NE turret—open door, see spiral stair, access to defend the fort, look out for enemies

Amphitheater—sit on stone benches in the round and look at stage

Comedy/tragedy mosaic—smile is for funny, frown is for sad. Ribbons above and below.

Temple of the Sky—Medusa, snakes in hair, so ugly turns you to stone, emblazoned on ancient Roman shields to protect soldiers

Persian Pool—mosaics w sea creatures and swirling water;

Wellhead—used for getting water, would have been an iron framework to support a bucket on a rope. The stone shows wear and tear from rope rubbing. Babies on side wall. Money inside.

Ghost of stone section that was removed; ruined base for Apollo Belvedere at foot of pool.

Plants with dark purple, yellow, green with cream edges and yellow.

Ruined wall—falling crumbled stone.

Chinese foo dogs—wide stairs; ancient Chinese lions to protect palaces and tombs from danger.

View from top of Vista—beautiful view