**Rose**

**Rose Garden of Turkey**

“Isparta rose” or “pink oil rose” named *Rosa damascena Mill.* is a rose species that has the highest value for perfume, cosmetic, pharmacy and food industries among the other rose species with a sharp and intensive scent which is peculiar to itself.

In Isparta, first rose plantation was done in 1888 and first rose oil was produced in 1892 by “Müftüzade İsmail Efendi”. In early times, rose oil was produced in a simple way with *imbik* (distillery boiler) by Müftüzade İsmail Efendi that spreaded to whole Isparta City and continued in same method during years. Rural style rose oil production was abandoned to industrial production as a result of modern rose oil factory was found in 1935 with the order of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk when he visited Isparta.

The most important rose gardens and the most beautiful roses are cultivated in Milas, Gölcük, Yakaören, Gelincik Villages of Isparta City, İslamköy Village of Atabey, Güneykent Town of Gönen, Senir Town and Kılıç Villages of Keçiborlu.

Rose oil which is the most important and expensive raw material of perfume and cosmetic industry, rose aroma in some food products, rose water that is used for cleaning make-up and body with its stretching feature on tissues, rose jam, rose flavored Turkish Delight, rose juice, rose soap, rose shampoo, rose cream and skin care products are produced from rose.

**LAVENDER**

**Lavender Scented Village**

Lavender gardens are located on Kuyucak Village of Keçiborlu. Kuyucak Village is 50 kms away from Isparta City Center, 25 kms away from Süleyman Demirel Airport and 10 kms away from Antalya-İstanbul Highway. The village is a place where the landscape of Burdur Lake can be viewed as a result of its high location.

Lavender, planted in 5000 decares in Kuyucak Village, usually blooms in the first days of July even if seasonal conditions effect the timing. Lavender cultivating period lasts between the last days of July and the middays of August.

90% of lavender production of Turkey is produced in Kuyucak Village. The farmers sell lavenders as bouquets when they bloomed or after drying process, send them as dried flowers to the factories to produce soap, cream, oil, cologne for customers.

Lavender and lavender based products have different usage areas such as sedative effects on nerves, treating sleep disorders, curing acne, rheumatism and muscle aches, strengthening hair roots, keeping away harmful insects from homes and dresses, giving nice scent. Lavender tea has also nice scent and sedative effect.

The purple colored fields in the bloossom time of lavenders are most suitable areas for photography. Hiking, cycling and photography activities can be done in the village in the blooming time.