

THE ROYAL GARDENS OF VERSAILLES



The enchanting **Gardens of Versailles** were founded by the French King Louis XIII in the year 1632. However, many say that the real founder was his son, Louis XIV who, in 1661, **appointed** the best architects, painters and landscape designers to work on what would become his life project: the "Chateau de Versailles" and its magnificent gardens. The layout of the gardens required enormous work. Vast amount of earth had to **be shifted to layout** the flower beds, the *Orangerie*, the fountains and the Canal, where previously only woods, grasslands and marshes were. The earth was transported in **wheelbarrows**, the trees were transported by **cart** from all the provinces of France and thousands of men took part in this vast enterprise. The gardens are 800 hectares large. The majority of the land is covered by finely-landscaped woodland areas and several wonderful gardens in French style. The Chateau and the gardens were inscribed on the UNESCO World **Heritage** list in 1979 and are considered one of the icons of France.



to appoint: *nominare*
cart: *carro*
heritage: *eredità*

to lay-out: *predisporre*
to shift: *spostare*
wheelbarrow: *carriola*