



(plural roses | Rose | roo-hoz | 'rəʊz)

The Rose or Rosa is a perennial flowering plant with over three hundred species and thousands of cultivations. Roses are one of the oldest flowers, with archaeologists discovering rose fossils that date back over 35 million years. They have been featured as the symbol of royal families and political parties. In religion, Roses are associated with the Virgin Mary. Rose petals are edible, and the fruit, rose hips, contains vitamin c. The smell of roses is so popular that it is featured in many perfumes and oils. **NATIONAL FLOWER:** The Rose is the national flower of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Ecuador, Iran, Iraq, Luxembourg, Maldives, Romania, Slovakia, South Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States of America

LGBTQIA+ FIRSTS: On June 28, 1970, the first pride marches occurred in New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago, one year after the Stonewall riots. Pride events are now attended by millions and take place in many cities worldwide; however, New York City hosted the first LGBT pride parade in the world

