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## Pantropica !

Giethoorn is a quiet village in the northeastern Dutch province of Overijssel. It is rightly called the Venice of the North. Most of us would have visited and enjoyed it. But very close to Giethoorn (~30 kms) away is another equally interesting place called Pantropica. The address is as below.

*Oosterringweg 34*

*8315 PV Luttelgeest, Flevoland*

<https://pantropica.nl/en>

(Tickets are priced but the parking is free).

Not many know about this place and we were lucky to have friends who shared this information with us. We combined our visit to Pantropica with Giethoorn and it worked out optimally over a day. If you want to keep it more relaxed a full day visit to Pantropica also makes sense where you can enjoy all activities the park has to offer.

Pantropica is a completely covered park (atleast ~95%) to replicate the tropical flora and fauna.

Our entry to Pantropica was marked by a toucan flying right above our heads and perching next to us. The flora is unique where we saw a pink banana flower, huge hibiscuses and a variety of 'never seen before' orchids and plants. You can feed birds (sitting right in your hand!!) and also the flamingos /scarlet ibis. The water flowing through is home to colourful fishes to enjoy at every corner. And also there is a nice butterfly garden to explore.

The highlight was the Hanami flower park which left us speechless for a while. There is a nice restaurant to enjoy lunch and enjoying our lunch sitting amidst the beautiful flowers was truly an unique experience.

Pantropica is best described by the pictures which follow in the next page. Enjoy and do plan a visit.

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Hanami Flower park