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(CNN) — High-rise gardens are on the rise, climbing faster than wisteria atop the latest apartment blocks and luxury hotels.

But most of these developments are private, leaving them accessible only to the well connected. Hopes for a public paradise in the skies were raised by the "Walkie Talkie" Sky Garden in London, which made headlines when it opened the "highest roof garden in Europe" earlier this year. Sadly, the viewing platform is more rockery than sky park, albeit one with a fantastic vantage point 560 feet (170 meters) above the city.

For true urban jungle experiences that'll oxygenate your soul, here are 10 other leafy green sky gardens:

1. ACROS (Fukuoka, Japan)

Rising like an overgrown Inca pyramid out of downtown Fukuoka, the 14-story ACROS building was designed by Argentine architect Emilio Ambasz.

Each level reveals natural wonders normally found in the forest, from glossy ponds to waterfalls.

The entire project contains more than 50,000 plants and trees.

On the way to the top visitors pass through a vast atrium, which extends into a semicircle of glass paneling. Inside are exhibition spaces, shops, offices and a symphony hall.

ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, Japan; +81 092 725 9111; opening times vary, typically 9 a.m.-6 p.m., weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.