

# Desert Rose



## *Adenium obesum*

- **Use:** With a swollen woody stem holding lush blossoms of vibrant pink, coral, and red hues, it's easy to fall in love with the *Adenium obesum*, or desert rose. These are show stoppers when you compare them to other dramatic potted specimens. Whether you place them on your patio, in your den, or on your deck, the houseplants make an excellent warm-weather addition. **All parts of the plant are poisonous.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** Will thrive in an area with warm temperatures and plenty of bright sun. Indoors, choose a sunny, South-facing window for the best results. In the garden, choose a sunny spot that offers some protection from harsh midday sun. Thrives in hot, dry environments, so be sure not to overwater. Keep soil moderately moist in spring and summer, and reduce watering in winter to mirror its native desert climate. Stores water in its thick, twisting trunk - if your Desert Rose has a slim trunk, it may need more water.
- **Growth:** Slow and compact growth to 3' -6' tall and wide and 3 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 11-12; Annual/ Houseplant. Protect from temps below 50 degrees.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen' Thick succulent trunk, thin and delicate leaves
- **Flower:** Its large pink trumpets start to bloom in the early spring and last all the way until fall. Each flower has a radiant hue that fades into white in the center, bright hues pop against the Desert Rose's dark, lush leaves for an explosion of tropical color.

**I love the heat!!!  
Your family and neighbors won't be able to resist the urge to ask about the tropical land where your Dessert Rose came from.**

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