**The bishop’s Palace/ Palais Episcopal**

The Fine arts museum has been established in the fine architectural 15th, 17th and 18th centuries Bishop’s Palace located near the cathedral: the indoor vestibule, the Italian style room, the chapel and the row of the ceremonial rooms are examples of the past splendour of this Episcopal residence prior to the French Revolution. The museum’s layout emphasises the ground floor spaces.

The outdoor terrace gardens are refreshing and subdued.

**The Fine Arts Museum/musée des Beaux-Arts**

The museum is chronologically oriented starting from the middle ages and moving through to the mid-20th century collections. A new way to understand and admire the works by Rigaud, Fragonard, Chardin, Préault, Corot as well as Vlaminck and Soutine. There is also an extraordinary private collection of Pacific objects acquired by the French governor Louis-Joseph Bouge (important documents on the journeys and the discovery of the Tahitian islands, the Marquises, Vanuatu and New Caledonia). The private collection of glassware was donated to the museum by Henri Navarre.
Visitor’s guide

1. Reception desk
2. Italian style room – sculptures of la “Croix aux moines” and of “Saint Paul” by Marchand; Metabus painting by Cogniet (19th century French painter)
3. Chapel
4. History and collections of the Bishop’s Palace
5. Middle age silversmith plate, enamels from Limosin and a “verre de Charlemagne” a middle age jug
6. 17th and 18th century room: small writing desk by Gole (18th century French cabinetmaker); paintings by Zurbaran, Largillière, Dughet, Fragonard, Van Loo & Chardin
7. 19th century paintings by Daubigny, Troyon, Corot, Jongkind & Couture, Natoire
8. 20th century paintings by Vlaminck, Derain & Vlaminck’s private African art collection
9. 20th century paintings by Soutine
10. 15th and 16th century: sculptures and paintings by various European schools
11. Northern Europe paintings
12. “Tuerie”/ slaughter by 19th century French painter Préault; paintings by Duran and Serusier
13. Salon Bouge: pacific collections (Governor’s Bouge private collection)
14. Henri Navarre: glassware, plasters, medals and terra cottas

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