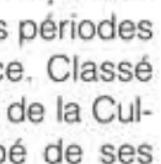




LE PALAIS DE LA BERBIE

XIII^e-XIV^e SIECLE

Ancien palais épiscopal



Classé Monument historique et inscrit au Patrimoine mondial, le palais de la Berbie est l'un des plus anciens palais épiscopaux de France. Véritable forteresse visant à protéger les évêques, le palais symbolise la toute-puissance de l'évêché. Il se caractérise par une architecture militaire originale par la hauteur et l'épaisseur des murs de brique. Ecrin prestigieux du Musée Toulouse-Lautrec, ce somptueux palais est à la fois représentatif des périodes tant médiévale et que Renaissance. Classé *Jardin remarquable* par le ministère de la Culture, le jardin classique surplombé de ses deux terrasses offre un panorama remarquable sur la rivière Tarn.



BERBIE PALACE

XIII-XIV CENTURY

The former Episcopal Palace

Berbie Palace is one of the oldest bishop's residences in France, and is classified both as a historic monument and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A veritable fortress designed to protect Episcopal power, the palace symbolises the omnipotence of the bishopric. This is underlined by its unique military architecture and by the height and thickness of its brick walls. Now serving as a sumptuous showcase for the Toulouse-Lautrec Museum, this magnificent palace is representative of both the Medieval and Renaissance periods. Listed as a Remarkable garden by the Ministry of Culture, the classical gardens with two overhanging terraces provide an outstanding panoramic view of the river Tarn.

- ⇒ The world's largest brick cathedral
- ⇒ The largest painted cathedral in Europea
 - ⇒ A major monument of the Episcopal City, listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO
- ⇒ The largest collection in the world of the Albi-born painter, Henri de Toulouse-Albi Lautrec
 - ⇒ One of the best preserved sets of in-situ paved medieval floorings in Europe
 - ⇒ Painted backdrops dating from the seventeenth century
 - ⇒ A splendid view of the river Tarn
 - ⇒ 200 exceptional statues
 - ⇒ The rood screen, of lace-like carved stone
 - ⇒ The largest classical organ in France