

VISITOR GUIDE

Welcome to the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire!
Built by the Genevan architect Marc Camoletti to bring together various public collections, the museum opened in 1910. Its holdings are very diverse: painting and sculpture, work on paper, archeological collections, furniture and household items, arms, musical instruments, textiles, clocks and watches, enamel and jewelry. Only a small portion of these some 650,000 objects is on permanent view. Temporary exhibitions allow for new aspects to be presented on a regular basis.

We invite you to discover the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire (MAH) by following what pulls you in and what matches your taste. There's no set museum visit. Spend a few minutes or a few hours and enjoy what you discover!



LEVEL 2
FINE ARTS
 WORKS ON PAPER & BYZANTINE ART

The upper level presents painting, sculpture and works on paper. The trajectory is chronological from the fifteenth century to the 1930s, highlighting key points in the collection. The visit begins with Konrad Witz's altar panels. One side consists of the renowned *Miraculous Catch of Fish*, the oldest, topographically accurate landscape in western easel painting. Genevan and Swiss artists, including Alexandre Calame and Ferdinand Hodler, are honoured at the heart of the Italian, French and Northern European schools. The focus is on portraits and landscapes. Large pieces are exhibited in the big galleries. Smaller ones and works on paper are rotated on a regular basis for conservation purposes and are presented in small cases (located along the courtyard). A large gallery is dedicated to the temporary M exhibitions (twice annually) and to Byzantine Art.

*  Sensory maps with audio commentary are available

LEVEL 1
APPLIED ARTS
 CASTLE OF ZIZERS

The museum's mezzanine floor is dedicated to the applied arts. Presentations are rotated on a regular basis. There are also historical rooms from the Castle of Zizers in the canton of Grisons (the castle's oval ceremonial room is located on level I). These spaces invite visitors to plunge into the late seventeenth century with its sculpted panelling, earthenware stoves and medieval windows with stained glass.

LEVEL 0
RECEPTION
 TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

The main entrance is located on Rue Charles-Galland. This level is dedicated to temporary exhibitions, whether entirely (XL exhibitions, late January – late June) or in part (L exhibitions, July–October). There are also historical rooms. The mural and/or ceiling decorations, and sometimes even the floor, are from historical buildings and are typical of early twentieth century museography when the museum was being built

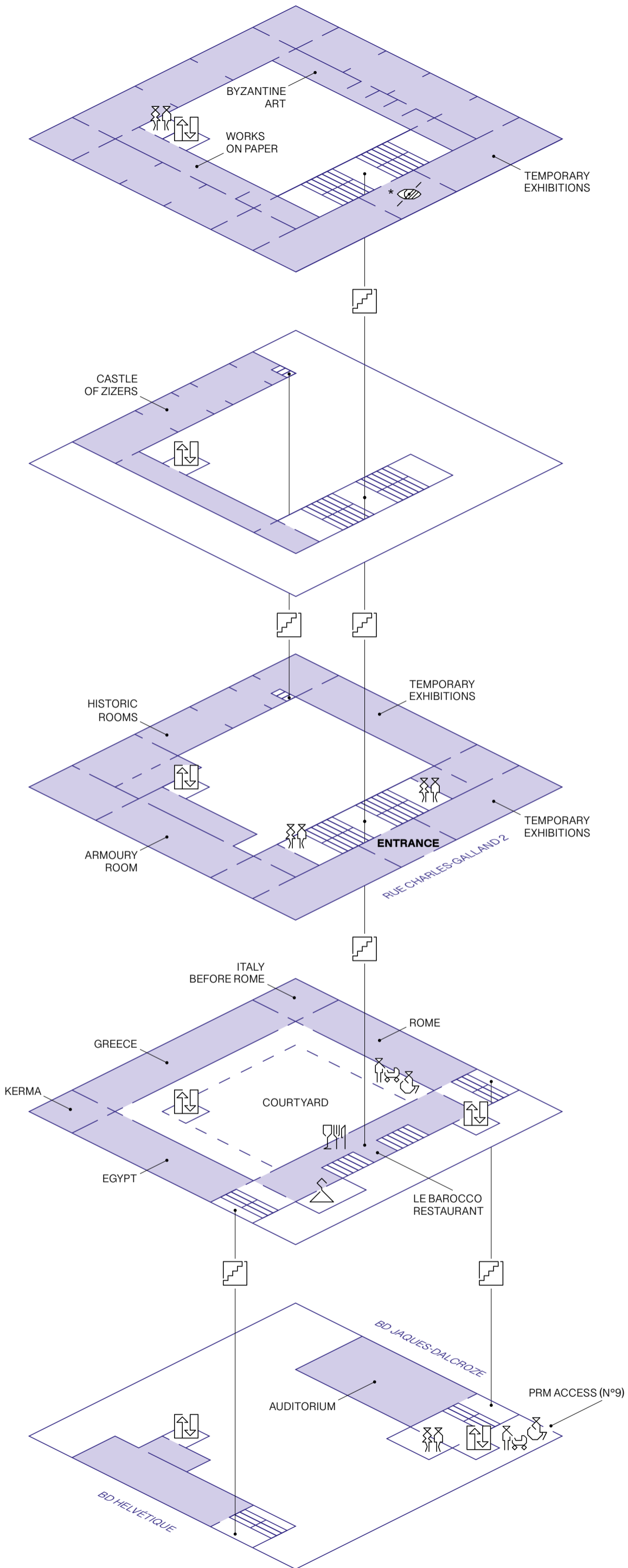
LEVEL -1
ARCHAEOLOGY
 COURTYARD

Mediterranean Antiquities are on view along the two boulevards that run parallel to the museum. The gallery devoted to Ancient Egypt presents several pieces, including a colossal statue of Ramses II from the archaeological trips of Genevan Egyptologists Édouard and Marguerite Naville. Sudanese archaeology is represented by the site of Kerma, which was excavated by a Swiss archaeological team for almost fifty years. The gallery dedicated to Greece plunges into mythology through famous episodes that are painted on vases – *The Birth of Athena* or *Hercules Killing the Nemean Lion* – and through Roman copies of renowned statues of Praxiteles. Pre-Rome Italy and Rome – where the silver dish known as the Charioteer is on view – complete the Antiquities tour.

LEVEL -2
REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY
 AUDITORIUM

The oldest records of human settlement in the region of Geneva are on view in the Regional Archaeology gallery. The presentation spans from the Upper Palaeolithic to around the year 1000, a chronological trajectory of 14,000 years. The exceptional Gallo-Roman oak statue, more than nine metres high, has miraculously been conserved and watches over the treasures here.

The Auditorium is on the other side of the building and can be accessed via level -1.



LE BAROCCO

The MAH restaurant, Le Barocco, is inspired by local Genevan traditions and specialises in homemade pastries. During warm weather months, an outdoor terrace invites visitors into the museum's inner courtyard to take a pleasant pause. The restaurant is open during the MAH's visiting hours.
Information and bookings: T +41 (0)22 418 26 82

ONLINE SHOP

The MAH's exhibition catalogues and a variety of other items are available at shop.mahmah.ch

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Open from Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 6pm
Thursdays, from 12pm to 9pm. Le Barocco opens at 11:45am

Pay what you wish!
Suggested admission between 5 CHF and 20 CHF.

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