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HISTORY OF IMMIGRATION MUSEUM BUILT FOR 1931 INTERNATIONAL COLONIAL EXHIBITION

PALAIS DE LA PORTE DOREE IN PARIS

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The Cité Nationale de l'Histoire de l'Immigration, takes a fresh look at the history of France by showing the part that was played by immigrants in economical development, social evolution, and the cultural activities of the country. The permanent exhibition, Repères, is available as an open visit with a free audio guide provided that allows you to follow an itinerary that brings together personal accounts of migrants, report extracts, and old and new works of Art.

The museum was conceived in 1989 by Algerian immigrant Zaïr Kedadouche, supported initially by historians including Pierre Milza and Gérard Noiriel, and established by President Jacques Chirac with a mission to "contribute to the recognition of the integration of immigrants into French society and advance the views and attitudes on immigration in France". It opened without public ceremony in late 2007 under his successor, President Nicolas Sarkozy, amid political controversy in which eight of the twelve academics involved in the project resigned.

When you take a closer look when you really visit the Museum, you notice that the countries representing the ex-French colonies they are nearly not existing. The focus being made on any country and every countries, meaning that recently the focus was on romanian people because they were being highly mediazed. North Africa and sub-saharian Africa are poorly shown.

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