



Fort São João, Bertioga. V H Mori

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To protect São Vicente Captaincy against Tamoio attacks, “D. João III ordered, by means of a Royal License 06/25/1551, the building of Forte São Tiago or São João de Bertioga in the continental area of Bertioga Canal, which was enlarged and reinforced by additional troops sent by the governor Sá e Queiroga in 1751”.

Fort São João is the first royal fortification of Brazil and still keeps architectonic features dating from the middle of the XVI century, being thus Brazil’s oldest fortification. (MORI, 2003, pp. 82, 102 and 104).

Surrounded by the sea and a beautiful park, the fort is administrated by Bertioga City Hall, which keeps it as its main “caiçara” cultural center. An extraordinary museum legacy leads the visitors to a special program, since the history of the Fort is linked to the Indian culture of the Paulista seashore.

The *Jornal Mundo Lusitano*, in an article from December 10, 2015, places Fort São João in Bertioga among the top ten that preserve a piece of Brazil's history: (...) "constructed in 1532, it has been considered Brazilian historical and cultural heritage since 1940."

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