



## The Santo Amaro Fortress, Guarujá, SP

In 1580, Felipe II, king of Spain, ascended to the Portuguese throne, amplifying a vast empire which remained united until 1640. Pirates and corsairs from unfriendly kingdoms attacked the domains and commercial routes of the Spanish crown, obliging them to fortify their cities, villages and stewardships in the overseas colonies.

In 1584, by means of a royal order from Felipe II, Fortaleza de Santo Amaro was built on Santos port, with a project attributed to Giovanni Battista (Juan Bautista) Antonelli, military architect who accompanied the Spanish fleet of Admiral Diogo Flores Valdez. The fleet had as its mission to patrol the east coast of the New World, to the South of Equator, and to fortify Magellan Strait.



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