

Cruzeiro Forte São João

450 anos da expedição de Estácio de Sá



4 - Reenactment of the founding of the city of Rio de Janeiro - 450 years later.

Reconstructing an epic

Marvelous city.

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The French in Rio de Janeiro

The protestant Reformation led to internal wars in France. And the Huguenots (French Protestants) who followed the religious doctrine of John Calvin (Calvinism) suffered horrible persecution; this led to Admiral Gaspar de Coligny adopting the plan by Nicholas Duran of Villegaignon to found a colony in Brazil that could house the Calvinists.

Antarctic France, as the colony established at Guanabara Bay in 1554 was called, provoked a Portuguese reaction, the attack by Mem de Sá (the third Governor General of Brazil) on Fort Coligny on the island of Villegaignon, where today the Naval Academy is located. This reaction began on March 15, 1560, and the French fort was destroyed, but the region was not effectively occupied. This recklessness allowed the invaders to return, and was the motivation for the the relentless war of the Tamoios, the allies of the French, against the Captaincy of São Vicente.

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