



## A CITY PORT – A PORT CITY

Today, in addition to its economic and political strength, the Santos metropolitan area, which houses in its central part, the Port of Santos, can be proud of having preserved almost all the architectural monuments of military origin, which became evidence of a long history of settlement and territorial conquests, among which are the first and the last forts built in Brazil: Fort São João, 1551, and Andradas Fort, 1942.

In the colonial period, sailing ships “paraded” before the Santo Amaro Fortress to reach the current “old town” of Santos. Today the Port of Santos houses modern port terminals and ships continue to “parade” in front of the rustic and thick walls of the most significant architectural - military heritage of the State of São Paulo, seated on a rocky spur that goes over the mouth of the estuary of Santos.

The Santo Amaro Fortress has stood since 1584 “surveilling” the access channel to the Port and literally all the beaches of the Santos Bay.

**A stunning look!**



Views of the entrance of the Santos Estuary: Sea and the upper deck of Santo Amaro Fortress. V H Mori / A C Freddo