



5_ COLONIAL DEFENSE SYSTEM OF THE PORT OF SANTOS

It all started with Martim Afonso determining the construction of a blockhouse with the “Barra da Bertioga”, the origin of the first royal fort in Brazil.

The Atlantic Forest region – which has its strategic focus in the Santos Bay – has eight samples of this rich historic-military legacy, built during almost five hundred years with the same pattern of the military engineering diffused all around the world.



From left to right: *Fortress Itapema, hill of Santa Catarina, home of ammunition, Fort N. S. Monte Serrat and Third Order of Carmo. Fortress Santo Amaro (plant), Guarujá, SP. 1734.*
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