Defensive System of the Port of Santos

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This defensive system has an unequaled specific administration:

Fort São João - City of Bertioga;
Fort São Luiz (ruins) - IPHAN;
Santo Amaro Fortress - City of Guarujá;
Itapema Fortress - Santos Customs;
Casa do Trem Bélico - City of Santos;
Itaipu Fortress and Andradas Fort - Brazilian Army.

The most expressive colonial fortifications still stand challenging time, bad weather, and sometimes terrible abandonment. The two most ancient fortifications, São João and Santo Amaro, maintained their colonial characteristics and are open to visitors. The area, occupied by Fort Augusto, now houses the Museu de Pesca (Museum of Fisheries), also open to visitors.

The "Casa do Trem Bélico" was reopened to the public on September 29th, 2009, to operate as a tourist information center and starting point of visits to this extraordinary territorial defense system: a national historical heritage, a heritage of all of us.

With the evolution of coastal artillery, in response to the evolution of naval artillery, the port defense system moved into more advanced strategic positions to perform pointed to the open sea. At the beginning of the twentieth century, Santo Amaro Fortress was replaced by Itaipu Fortress (1902).