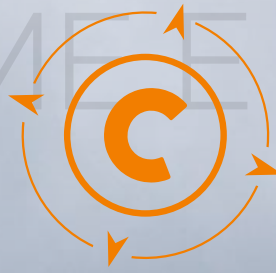


City Tour

Clonial History - Walking



- Visit to the Fortress of Saint Sebastian for an introduction to the colonial history of Sao Tomé and Príncipe

Built by Portuguese settlers in 1575 and later rebuilt and expanded, it was the first building with defensive purposes in São Tomé.

In 1866 was added to the building a lighthouse that was rebuilt in 1928 and restored in 1994.

The fortress was subjected to restoration works in the late 50s. The project was signed by the architect Luís Benavente. This building was chosen by the Portuguese government to be the headquarters of the Maritime Defense Command of the Province. Nowadays it is well conserved, requalified as the National Museum of Sao Tomé e Príncipe.

In the opposite side are the statues of the Portuguese navigators João de Santarém, Pêro Escobar e João de Paiva, whose names are connected to the discovery of the archipelago. These statues were removed from parks and gardens of Sao Tome after the independence.

- Visit to the Cathedral - Nossa Senhora da Graça

This an important landmark in the history of Catholicism in Africa. It is the Cathedral of Catholicism in Sao Tome and Principe, its shape consists of two bell towers and a body of a single nave

- Visit to the Independence Square where independence was celebrated in 1975

Here is located the Independence Monument of Sao Tome and Principe. It was here that on July 12, 1975, was announced the country's independence. Unlike the violence experienced in other African countries of the Portuguese Empire, in Sao Tome and Principe independence was achieved peacefully. The country's first president was the leader of Sao Tome and Principe Liberation Movement - Manuel Pinto da Costa.

- Visit to the Municipal Market.

This is the most important commercial spot in the city center. It is where a large variety of colored tropical products is sold by the locals

Visit to other buildings from colonial time *According to the remaining time

- Visit to the village of Pantufo

Here we will taste some smoked fish and hear about the traditional methods of fishing.

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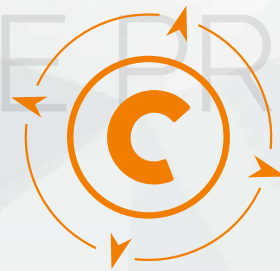
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