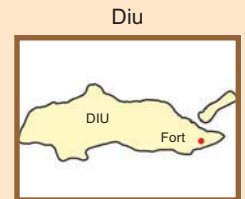


Fort and Inside buildings, Diu

This Portuguese fortress stands on the eastern part of Diu Island. The citadel is protected by the sea on three sides and on the land side by a deep moat cut through the solid sandstone bedrock. The original fortification, constructed under Nuno-da-Cunha in AD 1535, was rebuilt by the Viceroy D. Joao the Castro after AD 1546. An imposing double line of bastions facing the city protects the castle on the west side. There are three of them on the outer line and four on the inner, all named after Christian saints. The southern wall of the fort faces the open sea. The bastion of St. Luzia, with the breastwork beyond it, forms the extreme point of the castle on the east. The cisterns of the King and Queen are lying between St. Luzia and the gateway bastion (named after St. George).

Buildings like the Governor's palace, prison and barracks for the garrison, besides several churches and cisterns etc. are located inside the fort.



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