



ITALY – BARI

The Norman-Swabian Castle

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The Norman-Swabian Castle, in Italian “Castello Normanno-Svevo” is an important monument and symbol of the city of Bari.

This medieval castle probably dates back to 1132 and it was built by the Norman King Ruggero II. In 1156, inhabitants of Bari destroyed the castle, but in 1233 the Emperor Federico II ordered to rebuild it.

After numerous transformation, the Castle became the property of Ferdinando di Aragona and under the king of Naples, it was used as a prison. Today the Castle houses the Region’s Directorate for Architectural and Landscape Heritage.