



ITALY – MONOPOLI

CHARLES V CASTLE

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Castle of Monopoli was part of a coastal fortification system. In 15<sup>th</sup> century, during the Spanish domination of the city, Charles V built the Castle on a small promontory said “Punta Pinna”. In 5<sup>th</sup> century BC, the messapic walls were raised and in 1600 the Castle was expanded and restructured, passing from a residential structure to a defence structure. In the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the castle became a prison until 1969. Today the castle of Monopoli is used for cultural events.