

The Monumental Complex Bourbon Prison

After leaving San Nicola's belvedere, we arrive at the Castle, which contains the current headquarters of the *Town Hall*. The foundation of the fortress resembles a fortress. Over the course of the 18th century, the *Castle* underwent major interventions that made it look like a noble palace. The ancient dungeons later became infamous prisons because of their terrible tortures. The *Neapolitan Republic of 1799* and the participants in the *1848 riots* were among the political prisoners they took in. Upon brief closure, *Ferdinand II of Bourbon* reopened it as *First Class Penal Colony*, devoted solely to political prisoners. The *Bourbon Prison* was stated as a *National Monument* and offers a glimpse at impressive vaults from the *Norman era*, as well as intriguing *graffiti* left by inmates on the doors, walls, and windows. A public garden awaits you across the street, offering picturesque views of the oak and chestnut woods, known as '*Surti*' in the local language. This is a naturalistic route of interest to the community.