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NYSA FORTIFICATIONS

Nysa has a remarkably well-preserved fortification system. Most of the surviving structures date from the 17th century, although the first wooden and earth fortifications surrounded Nysa in the second half of the 13th century. Extensive fortification work was carried out during the Habsburg period (at that time, Nysa belonged to the Kingdom of Bohemia). Further reconstruction took place during the Prussian period, when Frederick II, appreciating Nysa's strategic location, transformed the town into a powerful, modern fortress. Today, despite numerous damages, the fortress complex is a unique example of fortification engineering and architecture. Currently, revitalization work is underway on selected fortification structures, which together cover approximately 80 hectares and are located on a property with an area of approximately 230 hextares.

The most famous fortification is Fort Prussia, built between 1743 and 1745, later expanded with features such as a system of counter-mine tunnels. Since 1859, it served as barracks, later a prison, and since 1914 as a military equipment warehouse. The fort was intended to secure areas from which

the city could

be shelled. It is shaped like a five-pointed star, containing two-story casemates and a well in the courtyard. The fort's claws are surrounded by a dry moat, with a preserved fragment of a drawbridge. In 1907, a water tower was erected in front of the gate, destroying the adjacent earthworks.

VIRTUAL WALK ON THE FORTRESS ROUTE IN NYSA

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