



The Fortezza Nuova is a wonderful Medici fortress, built by the architect Buontalenti in the 16th century. It is located in the heart of Livorno in the Venezia district, so named because like Venice it is surrounded by water.

The water in the ditches make it unique. It is connected to the city by a small bridge and some moveable piers built in recent years. It represents the former “Bastion of St. Francis” of the pentagonal city commissioned by Ferdinando De’ Medici.