



Kaunas Fortress

THE NINTH FORT



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The most modern fort of the Kaunas Fortress, completed just before World War I, is probably best known to everyone, who travelled on the A1 highway. From it, you can see the impressive monument for the victims of Nazism erected in 1984 (sculptor Alfonsas Ambraziūnas, architects Gediminas Baravykas and Vytautas Vielius, artist Kazimieras Morkūnas). In the interwar period, the fort served as a division of Kaunas Hard Labour prison, in 1940-1941 an NKVD prison and later it became a place of mass murder, where 50 thousand people were killed. In 1958, a museum was established in the fort exhibiting many artefacts of the Nazi and Soviet genocide. The fort has been restored and it is possible to visit almost all of



its premises, also via the [internet](#).