Fort St Angelo is the oldest fort in the Harbour area, dating to the Arab occupation of the island in the 9th century AD. The present structure is a combination of the medieval fortress, the early Hospitaller fortifications and the major rehauling efforts of the 1680s together with later British period additions and alterations. By the 1700s Fort St Angelo came to consist of a narrow land front dominated by a moat, a single bastion and cavalier, an enceinte of tiered batteries and a medieval core forming the governor’s residence. The major rebuilding works were designed and executed under the supervision of the Flemish military engineer, Colonel Don Carlos de Grunenburg, then engineer to the Viceroy of Sicily. Fort St Angelo underwent some alterations in the course of the nineteenth century when it was fitted with new coastal batteries, magazines and barracks. It also suffered considerable damage from aerial bombardment in the course of WWII.