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## Caribbean Secret: The Golden Rock

### The Island of Sint Eustatius

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**USPA NEWS** - Sint Eustatius, also known as "The Golden Rock" and affectionately to the locals as Statia, is a tiny Caribbean island and a special municipality of the Netherlands. One of the best kept secrets of the Caribbean played a key role in our nation's history and is a hidden oasis of untouched beauty.

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