



**Statia,** where investment opportunities await you.

St. Eustatius Investment Guide



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Statia, 'The Golden Rock'

Your pursuit of sound investment...



# Message from the Lieutenant Governor of St. Eustatius

St. Eustatius is affectionately called Statia by residents and visitors to the island. The strategic geographic position of Statia has long influenced its role in international trade. Such was the level of prosperity at the end of the 18th century, the island earned the nickname “The Golden Rock”. Today, Statia plays a major role as an important trans-shipment port for oil from the Arabian Gulf, Africa and Venezuela to oil importing and consuming states.

Currently, Statia is undergoing exciting developmental changes.

These changes are constitutional as well as economic. Under the new constitutional arrangements, St. Eustatius, together with Bonaire and Saba will become special municipalities of the Netherlands. As a result, Statia is in the process of synchronizing its regulatory and legislative system with that of the Netherlands. This will result in a more secure investment environment for persons wishing to establish business on the island.

Statia also is seeking to diversify its economy and improve the welfare of its citizens. The development policy and strategy of the Government encourages and facilitates the involvement of investors and developers in the realization of these objectives. To assist, Statia is offering investors a competitive investment environment, including the availability of land for development at relatively low cost. Potential areas for investment include



tourism, maritime and air transportation, education and training, value-added oil based industries and telecommunications based services, to list a few.

Statia is improving its institutional arrangements to allow us to respond with greater alacrity to persons and companies expressing interest in establishing business ventures on the island. I therefore invite you to consider Statia as your next opportunity for business and look forward to welcoming you on the island.

**Mr. Gerald Berkel B. Sc.**  
Lieutenant Governor



# Message from St. Eustatius Commissioner of Economic Affairs and Tourism



Tourism has one of the fastest growing and most important business segments in international trade. The Caribbean has become synonymous with tourism. Differences in geographic sizes, natural attributes, heritage and culture have enabled each island to attract segments of the Global tourism market. Also, changes in the visitor profile and experiences sought while on holiday has created an impetus for greater diversification of the Region's tourism product. As a result the product range has expanded beyond sun, sea and sand to encompass diving, sports, festivals, health and wellness, to list a few.

The countries of the Region can be generally classified into early developers of tourism and late developers. Even though Statia falls into the latter category it has the advantage of avoiding the mistakes that have been made by other countries that have developed their tourism product much earlier. The objective of Statia is to develop differentiated tourism products for specialized market segments.

Marketed as the "Historic Gem of the Caribbean", Statia is in the early stages of developing its tourism product and industry. Currently the number of hotel rooms is less than one hundred and diving is the main tourist attraction of the island. However, several other potential opportunities for development have been identified. The Government of Statia is fully committed to and supportive of further development of the industry. Consequently, it has put in place the requisite policy, regulatory and administrative framework to facilitate development of a wider range of tourism and hospitality businesses on the island, including hotels.

This brochure/CD highlights some of the investment opportunities available in Statia. It also outlines steps to be taken by investors and developers seeking to establish businesses on the island. We invite you to join with us in realizing the potential of these opportunities.

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**Mr. Julian C.A. Woodley**  
Commissioner of Economic Affairs and Tourism



# Destination Statia



### **Geographic location and size**

St. Eustatius, affectionately known as Statia, lays 17.30 latitude and 63.04 longitude and is situated in the Northeastern Caribbean. Statia is located 178 miles East of Puerto Rico and 35 miles South of St. Maarten. The Island is about 5 miles long and 2 miles wide with a total area of 11.8 square miles (21 km<sup>2</sup>). The capital is Oranjestad.

St. Eustatius is one of the five islands that form the Netherlands Antilles. Together with Saba and St. Maarten they form the Windward Islands of the Dutch Caribbean. The other islands of the Netherlands Antilles are Curaçao and Bonaire.

The Island is divided in three parts. The Southern portion, dominated by a spectacular volcanic cone “The Quill” of 2,000 feet (600 meters), is entirely mountainous, forming highly dissected cliffs with the sea. The North is defined by the Signal Hill/Little Mountain (or Bergje) and Boven Mountain. In between these two volcanic areas lies a low-lying zone in which the majority of the population at Oranjestad as well as the airport is situated.

### **Climate**

Generally sunny and dry. Light constant North East trade winds bring constant cool breezes and sufficient moisture to keep average daytime temperatures down to approximately 82 degrees Fahrenheit (28 Celsius). Nighttime temperatures

average a comfortable 75 degrees Fahrenheit (23 Celsius). Rainfall average about 45 inches per year.

### **History**

Statia was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493. Throughout the colonial era, the island changed hands at least 22 times. In 1636, near the close of the 80-year war between Holland and Spain, the Dutch took possession. During the 17th and 18th century, Statia was a major trading centre with some 20,000 inhabitants and thousands of ships calling at her shores. For a while, Statia was the only link in the Caribbean between Europe and the fledgling American colonies. Thanks to the prosperity at the end of the 18th century, the island earned its nickname as “The Golden Rock”

St. Eustatius also has a notable position in the history of the United States of America. On November 16, 1776 the Island was the first foreign territory to officially salute, the Grand Union Flag of America. In response to this salute, the Island’s recognition of America and the shipping of ammunition and gunpowder to America during the American Revolution, the English captured and destroyed the Island. The salute is commemorated every year on November 16th with many festivities and it is now known as Statia Day or Statia-America Day.

Many old buildings and ruins remain of which the synagogue “Honen Dalim” (1739) and the Dutch

Reformed Church (1755) and their cemeteries, Fort Oranje (1636) and the Simon Doncker’s Town House (now a museum) are the most imposing. Besides them, there are several old foundations of forts, batteries and old merchant houses along the bay in Lower Town and foundations of plantation houses in the countryside.

### **Population**

The population consists of approximately 3,500 persons and is a mixture of diverse backgrounds.

### **Currency**

The official currency in St. Eustatius is the Netherlands Antillean Guilders (guilder). The currency symbol is Naf., derived from Netherlands Antilles Florin. The guilder is pegged to the U.S. dollar at a rate of US\$1.00=Naf1.79. The dollar is widely used and accepted on the island.

### **Nature**

The vegetation varies from rainforest in the crater and an abundance of trees around the cone because of the moisture (1,000 feet high) to grass on the central plain.

Since 1997 special landmarks such as the volcano, the hills on the northern side of the Island and the cliff in the Lower Town have been protected by law. A special ordinance also protects some endangered species such as the Iguana, a great variety (15) of orchids, turtles







and an extremely rare flower, the Ipomoea Spheophylla (Statia Morning Glory) of which only sixteen specimen exist in the world and all of them in St. Eustatius.

### **Language**

The official languages of the country are Dutch and English. Because of the multi-ethnicity of this tiny Island, Spanish, Papiamentu and other languages can also be heard.

### **Political System**

St. Eustatius has two levels of government: a Federal Government (as part of the Netherlands Antilles) and an Island Government.

The Netherlands Antilles is governed by what is referred to as the Federal or Central Government. It is made up of 22 senators who form the Parliament. Each island is represented in Parliament. Ministers are elected to take charge of the daily operations of the Federal Government. Ministers are supported by the various federal departments. A governor-general, who serves a 6-year term, is appointed by and represents the Monarch of the Netherlands, Her Majesty Queen Beatrix. St. Eustatius has one representative in the Parliament.

The Island Government is administered by an elected Island Council and managed by an Executive Council. Both of these bodies are chaired by the Lieutenant Governor of St. Eustatius. The Island Council

of St. Eustatius, the highest legal body on the island, consists of five members, who are elected every four years. The Lt. Governor with two Commissioners form the Executive Council, the primary administrative body of the Island. The Lt. Governor is appointed by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands for six years. The Commissioners in turn are responsible for various portfolios and government departments and foundations.

For more information on the governments:

Federal government: [www.gov.an](http://www.gov.an)

Island government:

[www.statiagovernment.com](http://www.statiagovernment.com)

### **Legal System**

Judicial authority is exercised by the Court of First Instance, which sits in all the Islands, and by the Court of Appeal. The members of the Court of Appeal act as judges who sit singly in the Courts of First Instance. The president of the Court of Appeal, its members and the Attorney-General of the Appeal Court are appointed for life by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands upon consultation with the Government of the Netherlands Antilles.

### **The Economy**

The two main contributors to the economy of St. Eustatius are oil-transshipment (NuStar Energy) and Government services. Other contributing sectors and sub-sectors include education (Medical School), harbour, tourism

and other limited commercial activities. The island is experiencing an increase in tourism (mainly diving, hiking, business travel, adventure travel and heritage travel).

The public sector is one of the largest employers, but public finances are limited by the islands small workforce and scale of business activity. As a result, the economy is very small and heavily dependent on external assistance. To reduce the degree of dependence, Government is seeking to grow, diversify and expand economic activity by focusing on new business activity and sectors, including tourism and small and medium enterprises. It also is pursuing complementary actions in the areas of infrastructure and logistics, spatial planning and protection of nature. The Government of Statia is generally amenable to requests for the importation of skills where local labour is insufficient or specialized skills are required for the completion of specific projects.

### **New Constitutional Developments**

Since 2005, the governments' of the islands of the Netherlands Antilles together with the government of the Netherlands have passed a resolution that the Netherlands Antilles will be dissolved in the near future. The current constitutional arrangements will no longer exist. Each government has decided on a new constitutional status within the Dutch Kingdom in the best interest of their island. Statia has opted for closer relationship with the Netherlands. St. Eustatius, together with

## *Franklin Delano Roosevelt Airport of Statia*



Bonaire and Saba will become special municipalities, a form of “Public Body”. Currently, Statia is in the process of synchronizing its regulatory and legislative system with that of the Netherlands. This will result in a more secure investment environment.

Related with the constitutional changes, St. Eustatius is expected to implement a new fiscal system shortly. The proposed tax system will have a simplified structure and will result in a very competitive tax system. At the time of the preparation of this document, the proposed structure was scheduled for discussion by the Parliament of the Netherlands. If approved, the introduction of the new fiscal legislation is slated for January 1, 2011.

For update information on the status of the new fiscal legislation, please contact:

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# Economic Policies and Planning Objectives

## **Development policy, strategy and objectives**

The main objective of Government's macro-economic policy is the creation of conditions conducive to sustainable growth and development of the economy. This is being done primarily through expansion and diversification of economic activities. The main areas of focus of Government's Economic Development Plan are as follows:

- improving the tourism product and tourism marketing;
- the development of innovative businesses and related sectors; and
- enhancing the infrastructure and investment climate.

The strategy of the Government focuses on sustainable development. It seeks to increase the annual growth of real GDP, employment opportunities for locals and the number of stay-over tourists and day-trippers. Government is conscious of the link between the capacity of the infrastructure and economic expansion. Therefore, appropriate action is being taken to ensure that infrastructure development keeps pace with and supports economic expansion. The government also is preparing a zoning plan for Statia. The zoning plan will provide a structured vision that will determine what the island wants in terms of physical planning, where and how (economic) growth is possible and what will be the implications of growth for the people and nature. Historical and cultural values will be taken into consideration as well. The project is in its final stage.

## **Business environment, policies and objectives**

The Government has created a business-friendly environment for investors and developers. Consequently, it is actively encouraging investment projects, consistent with its short and long-term economic development objectives and targets. To encourage and facilitate private sector involvement in the realization of these objectives, it has established

the appropriate legal and regulatory framework and policy guidelines. In addition, it will develop product standards and continue a program of human resource development and training.

Government will undertake investments in the harbor and Lower Town to complement and stimulate tourism development, especially in accommodation, food and beverage, retail sales and local arts and craft. Airport facilities are being upgraded to accommodate additional airline services and to facilitate increase passenger and tourist traffic into the island. Investment facilitation is being streamlined with a view to providing expeditious decision making and providing assistance to investors and developers.

## **Role of Tourism**

Tourism will continue to be one of the main areas of focus in diversifying the economy of Statia. The development of small and medium-size businesses also will be encouraged and facilitated to support and add value to the tourism sector. Fundamental to development, will be protection and conservation of the island's marine life, flora and fauna and heritage assets.

Priority is being given to increasing tourist accommodation and the development of complementary services and businesses, including sustainable expansion of dive tourism, yachting and cruise tourism, with a focus on small up-market vessels.

Government's tourism policy recognizes the importance of tourism for the island economy as well as the welfare and well being of the population. Key policy parameters for the development of tourism include the following:



- Government's facilitation of investment through the provision of information in a timely manner to investors as well as through the offer of applicable investment incentives;
- Ensuring the integrity of the island's tourism product and assets through the enactment of legislation to preserve nature and historical buildings, including the Historical Core Plan, Statia Marine Park, Botanical Garden, protection of fauna, flora and sites of historical importance;
- Minimizing any disruptive ethnic, socio-cultural and environmental effects associated with tourism development;
- Government stimulation and fostering of ownership and management by Statians while also welcoming foreign investment.

**St. Eustatius Tourism Development Foundation** is the foundation designated by the government responsible for promoting development of the tourism on St. Eustatius. It also functions as a tourist office. The mission is to get the Island Government to lend greater priority to tourism by providing adequate funding to effectively and efficiently promote tourism in key markets; ensuring a quality tourism product by introducing and controlling the minimum standard requirements; preparing future generations to take on greater responsibilities within this sector by means of teaching tourism as a subject at different levels of the education system. The vision is to develop St. Eustatius into a tranquil and captivating special interest tourism destination offering quality principles.

For more information on Statia's Tourism

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Statia has a number of comparative advantages including its geographical location, climate and natural, historic and cultural attractions. Other natural attributes, including abundant coral reefs and historical and modern shipwrecks, are major attractions for divers. Two natural terrestrial attractions the Quill (a dormant volcano harboring a tropical rainforest) and the Boven Mountain (an extinct volcano on the north end of the island) are ideal for hiking, trekking and sightseeing. In addition, the capital of Statia contains an extensive collection of historical and cultural buildings, monuments and other structures, which are easily accessible and can be enjoyed on a walking tour.

As part of a plan aimed at further development of the physical tourism product, Government has identified a number of projects of potential interest to investors. A description and further details of each of these is as follows:



**Venus Bay** - Located in the Northeast of the island. The property is owned by the Government. It is situated in a valley, surrounded by the protected Signal Hill/Little Mountain (or Bergeje) and Boven Mountain and the Bay (Atlantic Ocean). It's approximately 424 acres of land has possibilities for mix use development such as hotel(s), restaurants, spa and other amenities. The property provides spectacular view over neighboring St. Barts.

**Zeelandia Bay** - Located in the Northeast of the island, adjacent to Venus Bay. It covers approximately 126 acres of land including extensive beachfront. The area has potential for hotel(s), restaurants and golfing. Zeelandia Beach provides a magnificent view over the Atlantic Ocean.



**Zeelandia Bay**

**Lower Town** - Located in the Southwest, it is the touristic center of the island. It's a three quarter miles (1,100 meters) strip on the coastal waterfront. The two main hotels and touristic activities (dive shop, restaurant, harbor and souvenir shop) are on the strip in the Lower Town. There is still land available for the development of small to medium hotels and ancillary services as part of an integrated development.

**Ancillary services** - There is great potential for the development of complimentary ancillary services within an integrated development for Lower Town area and other areas on the island. Services that Statia desires to attract include café/bistro, restaurants, gift shops, convenience store, chandlery and provisioning services for yachts.

**Increased Airlift/Ferry Service** - Limitations in available airlift for passenger and cargo into Statia has created great opportunities for the provision of alternative transportation to the island in the form of additional airline services and ferry services. In terms of airlift, there is especially, opportunity for the operation of direct air services from Puerto Rico to Statia. The proximity of Statia to St. Kitts, St. Maarten, Saba and St. Barts also offers potential for the operation of a ferry services to these islands.

**Marina** - Statia is ideally situated on the main yacht sailing routes. It also lies within a group of islands comprising St. Maarten, the Virgin Islands, Antigua and even Martinique and Guadeloupe to the South which are within relatively short

## **Lower Town**



distance from each other. This proximity offers opportunity for easy travel by yacht/ boat from one island to another (including Statia) in less than one day.

The government of Statia promotes the development of a marina in St. Eustatius as a stopover port and base for some of these yachts/boats. The main marinas around Statia e.g. St. Maarten, especially in the high season often times reach their maximum capacity and are overcrowded. Therefore, a marina in Statia will also provide an attractive alternative for sailors preferring a more relaxed port which is still in close proximity to the other islands.

#### **Tourism niche areas activities and opportunities**

Its natural assets give Statia the potential for the development and expansion of a more diverse range of tourism products. These can also be used to market to more differentiated and specialized markets. Potential niche products and markets suitable for continued development include, diving, snorkeling, culture, history, hiking, eco-tourism, honeymoons and yachting.

**Cruise tourism** - Statia has attracted visits by cruise ships in the past. Cruise operators are always looking for new and different destinations within existing route structures. The upgrading and expansion of port facilities could again position Statia as a possible port-of-call for small to medium ships. This size of ship usually caters to discerning passengers who seek destinations offering attractions, interests and activities in an un-crowded, relaxed and tranquil environment. In this regard, the island has developed a tourism product that ideally appeals to this passenger profile. The easy accessibility to a wide range of attractions and interests in close proximity also is ideally suited to cruise passengers who usually visit destinations between 8 to 10 hours. This includes the historical capital city with easy walking tour, culture, heritage and opportunities for diving, snorkeling, hiking and peaceful relaxation.



*Statia Harbour*



# Investment Framework and Incentives

## Why Invest in Statia?

Statia offers potential investors the following:

- competitive investment environment
- stable government and society
- practically no crime
- peace and tranquility
- multi-ethnic/multi-lingual community
- genuinely friendly people
- low density tourism development
- legally protected Marine Park with over forty dive sites
- historical city with well preserved buildings and monuments
- heritage attractions and breathtaking nature trails
- adequate airport and harbour facilities
- joint venture opportunities
- several innovative business opportunities
- close proximity to St. Maarten, Puerto Rico and St. Kitts, which offer connections to major gateways

## Investment Facilitation Process

To obtain a license to operate any type of business, the applicant must submit a written request to the Executive Council in English or Dutch. Depending on the type of legal form of the business, the applicant must provide detailed information such as; contact information, purpose of the business, location of the business, shareholders of the business, excerpt of the registry at the Chamber of Commerce.

Other documents that may be required are a business plan or feasibility study, the time frame within which the business will be operational and an environmental impact study in case of environmental activities.

Every established business regardless of the legal form is required by law to be registered with the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce in St. Maarten services the business sectors in St. Eustatius.

Before the Executive Council approves an application, an analysis is carried out on the area that is to be developed to determine if it is according to the Zoning Ordinance and Hindrance Ordinance of the Island Territory. In normal circumstances, consideration of the license should not take longer than three months to process if all relevant documents have been submitted.

For more information refer to:

St. Eustatius government: [www.statiagovernment.com](http://www.statiagovernment.com)

St. Maarten Chamber of Commerce: [www.sxmcoci.org](http://www.sxmcoci.org)

St. Eustatius Business Association: [www.steba.biz](http://www.steba.biz)

## Statutory requirements for investing in Statia

A business may be started and conducted in the form of a sole proprietorship (one man business) or incorporated. The most commonly used legal body for incorporation of companies is the Limited Liability Company (N.V.). Other possible legal bodies are e.g. the Private Limited Liability Company (B.V.), Partnership Firm (V.O.F.), Limited Partnership (Commanditaire Vennootschap), Foundation (Stichting), and Association (Vereniging).

Depending on the legal form the applicant may have to apply for one or more of the licenses or permits described below:

## Business establishment permit

As a general rule according to the Business Establishment Permit Ordinance of the island of St. Eustatius, everyone who wants to establish, operate, take-over, make a change in operations or continue a business

must apply for a business license. However in the ordinance there is an exemption for persons born in the Netherlands Antilles with Dutch nationality who are 21 years or older.

### Directors' license

A director's license is requested for all managing directors who are nominated as such in the deed of incorporation, when establishing a limited liability corporation (N.V.). The request will be dealt with by the Lt. Governor and the Immigration Department.

### Replacement of managing directors

If a managing director is replaced after a business license is approved, the new nominated person has to send in a request to be registered as a managing director.

#### *General remarks:*

1. A director's license is strictly separate from a work permit or residence permit.
2. No corporation or managing director may engage in business activities before a business license has been granted by the Executive Council.

### Foreign exchange license

This license, issued by the Central Bank, exempts corporations from foreign exchange control in the Netherlands Antilles.

[www.centralbank.an](http://www.centralbank.an)

### Work permit

The labor law requires that subject to equality of qualifications and experience, businesses hire first Antilleans before other nationalities. The employer has to prove to the Office for Civil Registry that all steps have been taken in conformity with the law. If a work permit is approved the person automatically has a residence permit, which is limited to the

term of the work permit. The application for a work permit should be submitted to the Office for Civil Registry.

Contact: [census@statiagovernment.com](mailto:census@statiagovernment.com)

*General remark:* When the documents for a work and/or residence permit have been submitted and are being processed, the applicant must be residing outside the Netherlands Antilles. If the applicant is not residing outside the Netherlands Antilles and/or the relevant documents have not been produced, the request will not be processed.

### Residence permit

Antillean law allows non-nationals to stay a maximum of three months on a tourist visa and persons with Dutch nationality for a maximum of six months. Extensions to stay on the island must be made by applying for a residence permit. The application form is written in Dutch or English. Applicants must be able to prove financial independence to provide for self and family because the permit allows persons to stay in the Netherlands Antilles, not to perform any kind of work. The application for a residence permit should be submitted to the Office for Civil Registry.

### Penshonado (pensioners) regulation

This regulation allows senior (retired) citizens to immigrate to and invest in the Netherlands Antilles. Individuals taking up residence in the Netherlands Antilles also qualify for a special incentive regime, the so-called pensioners (penshonado) regime. To qualify for the tax incentives an immigrant must:

- have lived outside the Netherlands Antilles for at least five years continuously prior to his or her entry;
- have a minimum income from pension and/or investments;
- own and maintain a residence in the Netherlands Antilles with a prescribed minimum value;
- employ at least one Antillean for minimum 30 hours per week.

The above rules and regulations are subject to change.

### **Building License**

A building license is required for the business person who wishes to construct, expand or renovate his/her own building. The building license must be in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant must provide a building plan to the Department of Public Works before it can make any decision on the building license. This avoids unnecessary problems during construction or for future expansion plans.

### **Land Development**

Land is reasonably priced and privately owned property can generally be acquired with few restrictions. The Government does not sell land, but offers long lease for properties used for business purposes. Before approval by the Executive Council an assessment is carried out of the area that is to be developed to ensure that it is in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance and Hindrance Ordinance of the Island Territory.

There is property available for tourism development on long lease terms in the historical Lower Town and other areas. A scoping study on beach erosion including stabilization measures in the Lower Town area was finalized in June 1996. The study report is available to investors. In addition there are other (beach front) areas which the government has assigned for tourism development.

### **Banking and other financial resources available**

There are currently two international banking institutions on Statia. These are Windward Island Bank Ltd. and the First Caribbean International Bank.

### **Policy regarding repatriation of funds**

Foreign exchange regulations in the Netherlands Antilles are administered very liberally. Currently transactions are in principle free while capital transactions require a foreign exchange license. However, licenses are normally granted upon request.

For more information on investment opportunities in Statia please e-mail queries to:

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# Infrastructural Improvements Supporting Business Development

## Infrastructure

The Government of Statia has an on-going program to improve the infrastructure of the island. There are mayor projects underway that focus on improving the infrastructure of the island. A structured vision for the physical planning of the island, taking into account the historical, cultural and the nature value that distinguishes Statia, is part of the island's zoning plan. The status of infrastructural support is as follows:

## Roads

The network of roads in St. Eustatius is mostly concentrated in the center of the island. In general, these roads are in relatively good condition. The condition of the roads outside the populated area is undeveloped. Access to one of the main undeveloped tourism sites at Venus Bay is currently limited to four-wheel drive vehicles.

## Electricity

Approximately 95% of the island has access to electricity. The provision of power supply to remote areas requires a contract with the local electricity company G.E.B.E. The applicant incurs the cost of the supply of service requested to remote locations. G.E.B.E has arrangements with the Oil Terminal Company, NuStar Energy for the supply of stand-by power in cases of emergency.

## Telecommunications

The island has a relatively modern telecommunications system offering reliable fixed line and business services, international direct dialing, cellular and broad band Internet service.

## Water

The Government is executing and carrying out a project to improve the supply and distribution of drinking water on the island by installing a water distribution network. At present, Statia has its own reverse osmosis plant that is the main local supplier of potable water. Additionally, the reverse osmosis plant of Statia Oil Terminal serves as a back-up supplier and potable water (bottled water) is also imported. Furthermore, water from wells is supplied by local entrepreneurs and rain water is collected in cisterns or in other catchments by island residents.

## Airlift and Aviation

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Airport of Statia has a runway of 5,265 ft (1,300 meters). The runway can accommodate a range of aircraft from the Twin Otter to larger propeller aircraft such as the ATR 42/72 series, Dash 8-100/300/400 series; cargo planes like the C 130 and DC 3 and jet aircraft e.g. Boeing 727 (for emergency flights). The airport is classified by ICAO standards as a 3C. The length of the runway and

present un-crowded operations at the airport offers excellent opportunity for the establishment and operation of a flying school.

Windward Island Airways, WINAIR, offers six scheduled flights daily to the island, including night flights. This service provides connections through St. Maarten's Princess Juliana International Airport for passengers travelling to and from the USA, Canada, Europe and South America. Several local owners of private jets and foreign companies also operate chartered services from St. Eustatius to the surrounding Islands of Saba, St. Barts, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Croix (USVI) and St. Maarten.

## Port Facilities

The existing port was built in 1993 and consists of an 80 meters long breakwater with a harbor light. The pier is 8 meters wide, 60 meters long with a Ro-Ro accommodation of 15 meters wide. The jetty provides berthing opportunities for small vessels, tugboats and Ro-Ro vessels up to 100 meters. The berthing area is a semi-protected area; a breakwater runs perpendicular to the coastline and extends some 200 meters offshore. Plans are underway to improve the harbor, including the development of a marina and beach restoration.

# Investment Contact Details

Contact details for further information on investing in Statia

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# Invest Statia

## Opportunities @ Lower Town:

- (Boutique) Hotels
- Spa & Health Clubs
- Café/ Bistro/ Restaurants
- Gift Shops
- Convenience Stores
- Chandlery & Provisioning
- Yacht Services
- Eco Developments
- Reef Ball
- Diving
- Other aquatic activities
- (Local) Arts, Crafts & Treats Shops

## Opportunities @ Statia Harbour:

- Marina Development
- Small Cruise Ships Docking
- Passenger and Cargo Ferry Services

## Other Opportunities @ Statia:

Eco Tourism	Animal Husbandry
Education & Trainings (e.g. medical, hospitality)	Alternative Sustainable Energy
Fishery	Innovative Business
Agriculture	Business Conference Services
Container Transshipment	(Local) Arts, Crafts & Treats Shops
	Oil Transshipment & Bunkering

## Opportunities @ Venus Bay:

- Eco-resort Development
- Multi-use Development
- Spa & Health Clubs

## Opportunities @ Zeelandia Bay:

- Eco-resort Development
- Multi-use Development
- Spa & Health Clubs
- Golf course Development

## Opportunities @ Airport:

- Additional Airlift
- Pilot School
- Aircraft Fueling
- Air Cargo Transshipment
- Aircraft Mechanics

