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Content Depth & Accuracy Review

An independent read of the guide **The History of St. Croix** (</guides/history-of-st-croix/>) on two measures: how it compares in length and comprehensiveness against the other St. Croix histories on the web, and whether its claims hold up against independent sources.

32,650 WORDS IN THE GUIDE	45 HISTORY SECTIONS	50+ CREDITED HISTORIC IMAGES	34 CITED SOURCES
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Maps, period paintings, portraits, and Danish West Indies engravings — every image credited to Wikimedia Commons or the Library of Congress.

Length & comprehensiveness

PAGE	WORDS	IMAGES
This guide	~32,650	50+
usvi.net "Seven Flags" — strongest existing	~1,100	0
vinow.com history	brief	few
gotostcroix / mystcroix	fragments	scattered
Wikipedia "St. Croix"	broad*	~12

*A general island article covering geography and demographics, not a history-led page.

VERDICT

For a single, freely-readable web page, this is the most detailed illustrated history of St. Croix found online — roughly 30x the length of the next-longest, with historic imagery none of them carry. Offline books and archives go deeper on narrow topics; no comparable consolidated web page exists.

Accuracy

The framework, dates, and events check out against independent sources: **Columbus at Salt River (Nov 1493)**, the seven flags, Denmark's **1733** purchase, the **1848** emancipation under Buddhoe, the **1878 Fireburn** led by the Four Queens, and the **1917** U.S. transfer.

It uses the current archaeological terms — **Igneri / Taíno / Kalinago** — rather than the loose "peaceful Arawak" framing common on travel sites, which is more accurate, not less.

Contested points are hedged, not overstated: the oil refinery flagged **"not operating as of 2026,"** Fireburn deaths given as a range, and the maroon cliff-leap marked an **unconfirmed tradition**.

VERDICT

No factual errors identified. Claims are traceable to cited sources, and the genuinely contested material is qualified rather than presented as settled.

SEO status

The guide is currently served with `noindex` while the site runs as a preview, so it ranks for nothing today. At the **theceruleanstcroix.com** cutover it becomes the site's single strongest SEO asset — topical authority, long dwell time, and a genuinely citable local-history resource that earns links.

Method: live-page verification (title, robots meta, and structure pulled from the deployed HTML) plus competitive research across the St. Croix history pages currently ranking. Assessed 31 August 2026.