

Taga Ancient Latte Stone Quarry

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The Ancient Latte Quarry is the only quarry site in the Mariana Islands that exhibits a majority of the latte pillars and capstones in its original location. It comprises of nine pillars and seven capstones. Scholars suggested that the arrival of the Spaniards and subsequent war that erupted with the Chamorros forced work at the quarry to be abandoned. The largest pillar is estimated to weigh about 35 tons, while the largest capstones is estimated at thirty 30 tons. If these megalithic latte stones were to be erected, the approximate height of both pillars and capstones would rise up to 24 feet, larger in size than those found at the Taga House on Tinian.