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## Holiday Hygge, San Juan Islands Style

## Make cozy holiday memories with an island escape

San Juan Islands, WA... "Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour." -John Boswell. The approaching holiday season is a perfect time to get away from crowded parking lots and cookie-cutter chain stores. This year, celebrate with a winter forest hike or walk on a stormy beach, a great meal by the fire, and holiday spirit with friends old and new in the San Juan Islands.

Back by popular demand, the Island Artisans Holiday Market will be on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Friday Harbor. 10% of all purchases will be donated by the artists to Island Artisans, a 501 3(c) nonprofit group. They give out art scholarships to graduating seniors in San Juan County from any accredited school program.

Step back in time to a magical European-style <u>Christmas Market</u> on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The historic Brickworks building in Friday Harbor will glow with sparkling lights illuminating an island crafts market with local food vendors, the farm produces, live holiday music, a spirits garden, and activities for kids and grownups alike.

Giving a gift from the San Juan Islands is the next best thing to being there. This holiday season, shop online and bring the Islands right to your doorstep. The Holiday Gift Guide <u>www.visitsanjuans.com/gift-guide</u> features gifts for the foodie, nature fanatic, art lover and more. Find soothing island-made skin care and wellness products, as well as gift certificates to your favorite lodgings and restaurants for your dream getaway. You can even adopt a whale!

We hope to also bring a little comfort and joy to you through these San Juan Islands-inspired holiday <u>cocktail recipes</u>. They are our gift to you from the restaurants and resorts on Orcas Island, Lopez Island and San Juan Island, direct to your home.

Additional holiday events and specials, as they are added, may be found at <u>http://www.visitsanjuans.com/holiday</u>. Find more suggestions for a <u>Cozy Island Holiday</u> on our <u>San Juan</u> <u>Islands Experiences</u> section at <u>www.visitsanjuans.com</u>.

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