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### **Treat Yo 'Elf this Holiday Season: Give the Gift of the San Juan Islands!**

FRIDAY HARBOR, WA... If you're getting ready to turn that jack-o-lantern into a pie, then you're probably thinking about holiday shopping. Make that list, perhaps check it twice, and find a San Juan Islands gift for both the naughty and nice...

#### *For the Foodie*

Lonely Planet dubbed the San Juans the 'gourmet archipelago' for the wide range of tide-to-table and farm-to-fork experiences. You can add some of these island flavors to your holiday fare with oysters from [Westcott Bay Shellfish](#) and a dash of sea salt from [San Juan Island Sea Salt](#). Shrubs from [Girl Meets Dirt](#) will give a little extra oomph to your signature cocktails and mocktails. And ring in the New Year with the Wave Crest White from [Lopez Island Vineyard](#)!

#### *For the Nature and Adventure Lover*

Is there an aspiring naturalist in your house? Introduce them to the whales of the Salish Sea with an orca adoption from Friday Harbor's [Whale Museum](#), along with a variety of other whale-themed gifts. Know someone dreaming about a post-COVID island vacation? Slip a gift card for [sea kayaking](#) or a [whale and wildlife tour](#) into their stocking! Start with your own backyard and get a [Discover Pass](#) to explore Washington's state parks.

#### *For the Art Lover*

The San Juan Islands were named an "Arts Hot Spot" for Washington state, and this community of creatives has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic. Find everything from [pottery](#) to [Coast Salish wood carvings](#) and add some island whimsy to your home, office, and garden. Create an island 'window' with one of [Teresa Smith's](#) oil paintings or bring the outdoors in with a [basket](#) from Debbie Pigman.

#### *Self-Care: the Ultimate 'Santa-ment' for 2020*

Don't forget to take care of yourself as well as the others on your list. [Pelindaba Lavender](#) has soothing products for your bath, your home, and your critter! [Island Thyme Botanical Bodycare](#) will help smooth out any remaining pandemic-induced tension with their herbal salves and bring some holiday scent with their Spruce and Cedar or Cinnamon Clove artisan soaps. Add some flower power to your daily care with [Tea Salish Sea](#)!

Need more ideas? Check out [www.visitsanjuans.com/gift-guide](http://www.visitsanjuans.com/gift-guide) for a complete list.

Islanders, make it a holiday staycation with these [specials](#) at your favorite restaurants and lodgings!

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