SPARKLING BLUE WATERS
DEEP GREEN FORESTS

Silence broken only by birdsong.
Breathe in the fresh island air and feel renewed, refreshed, revitalized, relaxed.

Welcome to the San Juan Islands!
Just a scenic ferry ride or a short flight from the northwest Washington mainland lies a paradise for the adventurous in spirit, whether you yearn for the slow pace of island time or the excitement of new experiences.

Whale watching. Sea kayaking. Bicycling, hiking, boating, birding. Plenty of time for leisurely casual meals or fine dining...for exploring art galleries and boutiques...for shopping and strolling our charming small villages...and for discovering the delights of our history museums and farmers' markets.

With an average of 247 days with sunshine and about half the rainfall of the Seattle area, it's no wonder visitors are attracted to the islands year round and why we've received multiple honors including #1 Island in the U.S. by TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice 2013.

Each of the San Juan Islands has something special to offer. So breathe deeply...leave your cares behind and come enjoy.
A leisurely ride on a Washington State Ferry from Anacortes gives you a taste of the islands’ beauty, with a choice of stops – Lopez, Orcas, Shaw, or Friday Harbor/San Juan Island. By seaplane or wheeled-aircraft you’ll have a more expansive view – snow-tipped Mt. Baker, the Olympic & Cascade mountain ranges, and islands stretching in every direction. Seasonal passenger ferries depart from downtown Seattle, Bellingham & Port Townsend. And there are plenty of fine moorage opportunities throughout the islands for boaters. Explore Washington’s newest Scenic Byway on both Orcas and San Juan Islands.

For more visitor information about the San Juan Islands contact:

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San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau
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Lopez Island
Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center
LopezIsland.com
360-468-4664

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Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center
OrcasIslandChamber.com
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LOPEZ ISLAND

THIS IS “THE FRIENDLY ISLE” where people wave to you from their cars – rural, hospitable, and small, at 29 square miles. Lopez offers some of the easiest cycling terrain. Stroll along the web of hiking trails, many near or along the shore at state and county parks. Explore Lopez Village, a cozy enclave with restaurants, a wine tasting room, art galleries, historical museum, performing arts center and seasonal farmers’ market.

ORCAS ISLAND

“THE EMERALD ISLE” is 57 square miles of curving rural roads, stunning shoreline, and a handful of charming hamlets where talented artisans abound. Enjoy the restaurants and cafés that dot the island and savor homemade fare, often harvested from local farms. Visit the stunningly beautiful 5,252-acre Moran State Park, with lakes and miles of hiking trails. Drive, bike, or hike up Mt. Constitution, the islands’ highest point, for an inspiring view of neighboring islands, and snow-capped Mt. Baker.

SHAW ISLAND

THIS SMALL, QUIET SISTER in the four ferry-served islands is less than 10 square miles, making Shaw a great day trip for bicycling or exploring. You’ll find a charming 1924 general store with a deli at the ferry landing, a library next door to the log cabin historical museum, a little red schoolhouse, and 60-acre Shaw County Park with a sandy beach and 11 campsites.

SAN JUAN ISLAND FRIDAY HARBOR

DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW around every bend on 55 square miles of San Juan Island – iconic lighthouses, a 19-acre sculpture park, rows of lavender, a ciderworks & distillery, and quaint Roche Harbor. Stroll through historic Friday Harbor’s art galleries, bookshops and boutiques, and stop for a farm-fresh meal before experiencing The Whale Museum, historical museum or community theatre. Visit San Juan Island National Historical Park and hear about the 1859-1872 Pig War “Crisis” at American Camp or English Camp.

GETTING HERE IS HALF THE FUN!

Lime Kiln Lighthouse, San Juan Island
Photo: Mark Gardner Photography
Performing arts center & farmers' market
Park with 11 campsites and sandy beach
General store located by ferry landing
San Juan Island with spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains
Shaw County Park

Longest beach on Orcas Island
Café Olga & Orcas Island Artworks
1886 hotel, spa, marina, packing plant showcases 50+ artists
100 sculptures

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80-acre beach with bird watching & great views

9th Annual Orcas Island ArtFest
'Visual Edge' juried art competition
USPS 150th anniversary stamps and postmarks

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12-acre park with campsites & kayak launch
Doe Bay Resort & Historic Moran Estate Park
Oldest pottery in the Northwest, opened in 1945, features 20+ potters

Iceberg Point Natural Monument

San Juan County Park

Ferry landing, gift shops, grocery store, lodgings, restaurants, whale watching & kayaking

West Sound

North Sound

Lopez Island

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