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San Juan ISLANDS

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San Juan Island / Friday Harbor

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TO ISLAND TIME

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Breathtaking SPARKLING BLUE WATERS DEEP GREEN FORESTS

Silence broken only by birdsong. Run your hands gently along the smooth limbs of a madrone tree, with its lime-green inner layer peeking out beneath the papery red bark as it slowly flakes off. Catch the fresh scent of fir and cedar on the breeze. Savor the briny rainbow of a fresh oyster or mussel on your tongue. This is life at its best. Nature at its best. Awaken your sense of wonder. Feel the spirit of the San Juan Islands move you.

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.

Hiking. Biking. Sea kayaking. Whale and wildlife watching. Boating and birding. Plenty of time for leisurely, casual meals or fine dining...for exploring galleries and boutiques...for strolling beaches and charming villages...and for discovering the delights of history and art museums, farmers markets, parks and public lands.

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 *Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice 2023 Best of the Best #7 and Travel + Leisure World's Best 2024 Awards #7 Top 15 Islands Continental U.S.*

Lopez, Orcas, and San Juan Island each have something special to offer. So breathe deeply... leave your cares behind and *come enjoy.*



Spectacular LOPEZ ISLAND



THIS IS "THE FRIENDLY ISLE" where people wave to you from their cars – pastoral, hospitable, and just 29 square miles.

- Enjoy public beach access along Lopez's scenic shoreline and embrace the quiet way of life that makes this island unique.
- Although not flat, Lopez offers some of the Islands' easier cycling terrain and less trafficked roads.
- Explore Lopez Village, a cozy enclave with farm-to-table restaurants, coffee shops, tap 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 activities, restaurants and cafés that dot the Island. Savor local beer and wine, and homemade fare, often harvested from local farms.
- Delight in charming Eastsound village shops.
- Experience visual and performing arts at Orcas Island Artworks Gallery, Orcas Island Pottery, and Orcas Center.
- Visit beautiful 5,424-acre Moran State Park, with 5 lakes and more than 30 miles of hiking trails.

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Wonder SAN JUAN ISLAND & FRIDAY HARBOR



DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW around every bend on 55-square-mile San Juan Island – iconic lighthouses, a 20-acre sculpture park, walkable beaches, and historic Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor Resort.

- Stroll through Friday Harbor's art galleries, bookshops and boutiques, and stop for a farm-fresh meal before experiencing The Whale Museum, San Juan Islands Museum of Art, San Juan Historical Museum or the Saturday Farmers Market.
- Visit San Juan Island National Historical Park – American Camp and English Camp – to learn about the island's history and culture including Coast Salish peoples and the 1859-1872 Pig War.

WEDDINGS, FAMILY REUNIONS & MEETINGS



THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS are the picture-perfect destination for your special occasion or group – from weddings and honeymoons, to family reunions and anniversaries, to meetings, retreats and team building. Whether you're planning your dream wedding, a yoga or board retreat, group getaway, or your wedding anniversary, you'll find accommodations, gathering places and fun activities beyond your expectations at VisitSanJuans.com/weddings or VisitSanJuans.com/meetings.

Discover GETTING HERE IS HALF THE FUN!

- **By Car & Ferry:** The Washington State Ferries Terminal is located in Anacortes, about two hours north of Seattle/SEA (Seattle-Tacoma Intl. Airport). Drive your car onto the ferry, or park at the terminal and travel as a walk-on passenger. The leisurely ferry ride displays the Islands' beauty, with a choice of four stops – Lopez, Orcas, Shaw or Friday Harbor/San Juan Island. Make a vehicle reservation at wsdot.wa.gov/travel/washington-state-ferries.
- **By Passenger Ferry or Water Taxi:** A seasonal ferry runs between Port Townsend and Friday Harbor; find other options below or on our Getting Here webpage.
- **By Air:** The closest major airport is SEA. You can also possibly fly to Everett (Paine Field, PAE) or Bellingham (BLI). You can then transfer to a small plane to the Islands, or see options below.
- **By Airport Shuttle or Rental Car:** Shuttles and rental cars are available at SEA, PAE and BLI.
- **By Boat:** There's moorage throughout the Islands, see VisitSanJuans.com/marinas.

Learn more at VisitSanJuans.com/getting-here.

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Lime Kiln Lighthouse, San Juan Island
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SET YOUR MIND TO ISLAND TIME... Year-Round

With mild winters and a temperate spring and fall, the San Juan Islands are a year-round destination. Come and enjoy these top ten+ reasons to visit each season.

SPRING – Outdoor Adventures Abound

- Whale & wildlife watching
- Sea kayaking & sailing
- Biking & wildflower hikes
- Farmers markets
- Golfing (three golf courses)
- Community theatre musicals
- Art walks
- Tour de Lopez

SUMMER – Paradise in the Pacific Northwest

- Camping & hiking
- Whale & wildlife watching
- Sea kayaking (ask about bioluminescence tours)
- Biking, boating & stand-up paddling
- Artist studio tours & farmers markets
- Swim in Cascade Lake in Moran State Park
- Beach strolls & stunning sunsets

FALL – Savor the San Juans Farm & Film Fests

- Farm tours & farmers markets
- Farm-to-table dining
- Wine & "local liquid arts" tasting (beer, cider, spirits)
- Fall foliage & forest bathing
- Friday Harbor & Orcas Island Film Festivals
- Whale & wildlife watching
- Sea kayaking, biking & boating

WINTER – The Quiet Season

- Relaxing spas
- Cozy lodging & dining
- Boutique shops & holiday artisan markets
- Art walks, art classes & museums
- Birding
- Stargazing in dark skies
- Beach strolls, storm watching & forest bathing
- Mountain biking & 25/50/100K trail runs in Moran State Park

Learn more at VisitSanJuans.com/seasons



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THINGS CHANGE ON ISLAND TIME

PRIORITIES RE-SORT.

The rush of the daily grind falls away. And suddenly you're more mindful of the fragile, magical environment that surrounds us. Slow down and connect to the Islands' natural beauty we all cherish.



LOVE IT LIKE A LOCAL

AS YOU EMBRACE island time, we invite you to "Love It Like a Local" and treat the San Juans with the same care and respect as you would your own backyard. Here are a few ways to preserve the qualities that make this place special, and enhance your own visit in the process.

BOOK EARLY. Ferries, accommodations, and tours can fill quickly.

CONSIDER LEAVING THE CAR BEHIND. Walk or bike onto the ferry and use options below to get around.

TREAD LIGHTLY. Stick to designated trails, campsites, and parking.

GIVE WILDLIFE SPACE. Don't disturb or feed wildlife on land or water.

BE CAREFUL WITH WATER AND FIRE. Be mindful of water use and keep campfires in rings.

MIND THE DOG. Keep pets on leash and pick up waste.

AVOID MID-DAY CROWDS. Visit popular trails and attractions early or late for the best experience.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. Be patient, share the road with bicyclists, and keep speed and noise down.

LOOK FOR OUR LOW-CARBON AMENITIES:

- Shuttles, trolleys, and taxis to see the sights
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Bikes, mopeds, and hybrids for rent
- Water bottle refilling stations



COME AS YOU ARE

OUR TEMPERATE CLIMATE, island time philosophy, and friendly locals are welcoming to all. Our safe community thrives on a talented and eclectic mix of artists, chefs, entrepreneurs, farmers, whale researchers, and outdoor guides—all with different identities and stories to tell. Strike up a conversation with a local, and you may find a kindred spirit.





San Juan ISLAND

- EXPLORE OUR WASHINGTON STATE SCENIC BYWAY
- 1** **FRIDAY HARBOR & PORT OF FRIDAY HARBOR** Ferry landing & historic town with boutiques and restaurants; whale, art & historical museums; performing arts center; Brickworks/farmers market; whale & wildlife watching, kayaking and day/overnight cruises/ships, Waterfront Park
- 2** **JACKSON BEACH** Two-mile walk or drive from Friday Harbor; picnic tables and shelter
- 3** **AMERICAN CAMP UNIT, SAN JUAN ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK** Soldiers' camp during the 1859-1872 Pig War; trails, seasonal ranger-led programs, visitor center, and Coast Salish history
- 4** **SOUTH BEACH** Two-mile beach with spectacular views of the Olympic Mountains
- 5** **CATTLE POINT INTERPRETIVE AREA** 1935 lighthouse, stunning views, trails, access to beach and part of the San Juan Islands National Monument; use designated vehicle and bike parking
- 6** **LIME KILN POINT STATE PARK & 1919 LIGHTHOUSE** (a.k.a. Whale Watch Park) Watch for whales and wildlife from shore, seasonal interpretive center and lighthouse tours, restored lime kiln and hydrophone
- 7** **SAN JUAN COUNTY PARK** 12-acre park with picnic tables, campsites and boat launch
- 8** **THE FARM AT KRystal ACRES** Working farm with country store offering alpaca clothing & gifts
- 9** **ENGLISH CAMP UNIT, SAN JUAN ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK** Royal Marines' camp during the 1859-1872 Pig War; trails, seasonal ranger-led programs
- 10** **SAN JUAN ISLANDS SCULPTURE PARK** 20-acre outdoor sculpture park featuring over 150 works of art by world-renowned sculptors, with 5 marked trails
- 11** **ROCHE HARBOR RESORT & HISTORIC HOTEL DE HARO** 1886 hotel, suites, cottages, condos, spa, marina, shops, gardens, dining, whale watching, kayaking, nearby ciderworks & distillery
- 12** **SAN JUAN VINEYARD** Award-winning wines in historic schoolhouse tasting room & gift shop

Orcas ISLAND

- EXPLORE OUR WASHINGTON STATE SCENIC BYWAY
- 1** **ORCAS VILLAGE** Ferry landing, gift shops, grocery store, lodging, restaurant, whale & wildlife watching, and kayaking
- 2** **WEST SOUND** Marina, lodgings, restaurant and community center
- 3** **DEER HARBOR** Marina with kayaking/whale watching/boating tours, rentals, lodgings & food
- 4** **ORCAS ISLAND POTTERY** Oldest pottery studio in the Pacific NW, opened in 1945, features 15+ potters
- 5** **EASTSOUND** "Hub" of Orcas Island features art galleries, boutiques, restaurants, historical museum, performing arts center, farmers market
- 6** **ROSARIO RESORT & HISTORIC MORAN MANSION** 1909 mansion, historic exhibits, spa, marina, lodging, dining, whale watching & kayaking
- 7** **MORAN STATE PARK** 5,424 acres of forests, lakes, waterfalls, trails, campsites & Mt. Constitution — highest peak in the Islands at 2,409 feet
- 8** **OLGA & ORCAS ISLAND ARTWORKS GALLERY** Artist co-op in historic 1938 strawberry barreling plant showcases 40+ artists
- 9** **OBSTRUCTION PASS STATE PARK** Hike in a half mile to 80-acre forest with trails, picnic area, campsites & longest beach on Orcas
- 10** **DOE BAY** Features historic Doe Bay Resort & Retreat lodging, dining, hot tubs & kayaking

Lopez ISLAND

- EXPLORE THIS DRIVING TOUR
- 1** **ODLIN COUNTY PARK** Sandy beach, trails, campsites, picnic area & boat launch
- 2** **LOPEZ VILLAGE** Restaurants, shops, art galleries, historical museum, performing arts center & farmers market
- 3** **OTIS PERKINS COUNTY PARK** Expansive beach with bird watching & great views
- 4** **SHARK REEF SANCTUARY** Bluffs, old-growth fir & cedar groves with 10-minute trail walk to rocky shore and wildlife viewing
- 5** **AGATE BEACH COUNTY PARK** Day park with breathtaking views and trails
- 6** **SPENCER SPIT STATE PARK** 138 acres of trails, campsites, picnic area, kayak launch & saltwater marsh lagoon; great for bird watching
- 7** **LOPEZ ISLANDER RESORT** 1952 waterfront lodging & dining on Fisherman Bay, marina, pool, sunsets, shuttle to/from ferry
- 1** **SHAW GENERAL STORE** Year-round, charming, 1924 store at ferry landing.
- 2** **SHAW COUNTY PARK** 60-acre park with 11 campsites, sandy beach & boat launch

Shaw ISLAND

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