

# Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, Washington, USA

A car-free, chain-free harbor town on San Juan Island where orcas cruise the kelp-lined shore and the biggest controversy in local history involved a pig. Small ships only — and all the better for it.

 Small ships — docked at marina  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  USD  English  World-class whale watching

## 🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Direct berth at Port of Friday Harbor Marina; small/expedition ships only

**Best For:** Whale watching, Pacific Northwest seafood, island cycling & kayaking

**Walk to center:** 0 min — marina steps from Spring Street shops and restaurants

**Don't Miss:** The Whale Museum & a whale-watching boat trip to Lime Kiln Point

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$20–\$25 in-town ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off · from 8

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Whale Watching Boat Tour** — The San Juan Islands sit astride the feeding grounds of the Southern Resident orcas.
- **Lime Kiln Point State Park** — Known as Whale Watch Park, this west-coast clifftop is one of the best land-based whale watching sites in the world.
- **San Juan Island National Historical Park — The Pig War** — In 1859 an American farmer shot a British pig, triggering a 12-year joint military occupation of the island.
- **Sea Kayaking the Harbor & Kelp Forests** — Guided sea kayak tours depart from the marina and paddle into the kelp beds and rocky coves of Griffin Bay.
- **The Whale Museum** — The first U.S.

## BEST WALKS

- **Harbor Waterfront to Spring Street** 0.3 mi · Easy · 10–15 min — From the marina dock, stroll the waterfront boardwalk past moored vessels, then turn up Spring Street for shops, galleries, the Whale...
- **Sunken Park & Ferry View** 0.5 mi · Easy · 20 min — Walk uphill from the dock to Sunken Park, a shady sunken garden above the ferry terminal, where you can watch Washington State Ferries...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

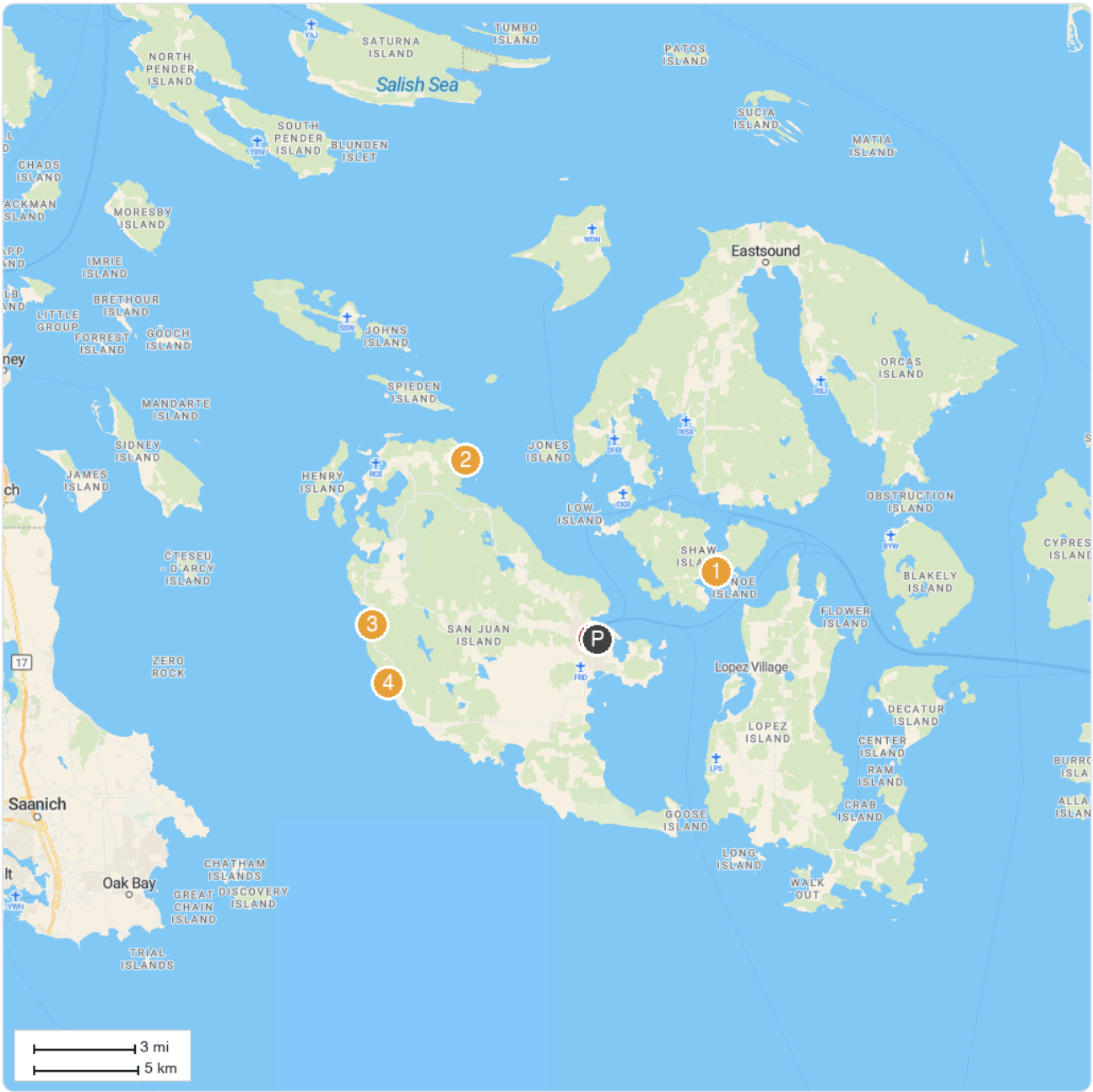
| 🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      | 🇺🇸 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY                                                                             |  |
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| Mon                              | High | Low | Rain | Apr 6:21AM–8:03PM · Jun 5:09AM–9:15PM · Aug 6:06AM–8:25PM · Sep 6:49AM–7:23PM · Oct 7:32AM–6:21PM |  |
| Apr                              | 52°  | 44° | 12d  |  USD           |  |
| Jun                              | 63°  | 53° | 6d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Aug                              | 68°  | 58° | 4d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Sep                              | 63°  | 54° | 10d  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Oct                              | 55°  | 48° | 14d  |                                                                                                   |  |

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book whale watching early. Tour boats fill fast in summer (June–September), when Southern Resident orcas are most reliably present. Operators are steps from the marina — no need...
- Layer up, even in summer. The San Juans are sunnier than Seattle (rain shadow effect) but offshore temps on a Zodiac can feel 20°F colder than on land. A wind layer is essential.

# Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, Washington, USA — Port Mapcruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| <b>1</b> Shaw County Park                         | Waterfront park with camping, beach access, and boat launch.             | <b>2</b> Reuben Tarte County Park   | Small waterfront park with beach access and scenic views.           |
| <b>3</b> San Juan County Park                     | Waterfront park for camping, picnicking, and shore-based whale watching. | <b>4</b> Lime Kiln Point State Park | Historic lighthouse park, excellent for shore-based whale watching. |
| <b>5</b> Western Prince Whale Watching Adventures | Boat tour operator offering guided whale watching excursions.            | <b>6</b> The Whale Museum           | Museum dedicated to whales and marine mammal conservation.          |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal                   |                                                                          |                                     |                                                                     |