

San Juan Islands, Washington, USA

A mosaic of forested islands adrift in the Salish Sea, the San Juans deliver orca sightings, farm-to-table food, and car-free cycling — all within striking distance of the continent's most dramatic marine scenery.

Docked or Tendered (varies by line)

Typical call: 6-9 hrs

USD

English

Orca country

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Most ships dock or anchor off Friday Harbor, San Juan Island; tenders used by smaller vessels

Best For: Whale watching, sea kayaking, cycling, local seafood

Walk to center: Dock is right in Friday Harbor village — shops and restaurants within 2 min

Don't Miss: Lime Kiln Point State Park for shoreside orca spotting

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$20–25 · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available · 🚗 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Whale-Watching Cruise** — Board a dedicated whale-watch vessel out of Friday Harbor for 3-4 hours in prime orca territory.
- **Sea Kayaking the Coastline** — Paddle rocky coves and kelp forests with a guided kayak tour departing from Friday Harbor.
- **Lime Kiln Point State Park & Whale Watch Park** — Cycle or cab 10 miles to the west shore of San Juan Island, where Lime Kiln Point State Park is one of the best...
- **American Camp & English Camp (San Juan Island National Historical Park)** — The Pig War of 1859 — a bloodless US-British boundary dispute triggered by a farmer shooting a pig — left two historic...
- **Friday Harbor Village & The Whale Museum** — The Whale Museum on First Street, opened in 1979, was the first US museum dedicated to a species living in the wild...

BEST WALKS

- **Friday Harbor Waterfront & Village Loop** 1.5 miles · Flat · 30-45 min — From the cruise dock on Front Street, head up Spring Street past local shops to The Whale Museum on First Street.
- **Westside Road to Lime Kiln Point (cycling)** ~10 miles one-way · Moderate · 45-60 min by bike — Rent a bike at the dock and follow Roche Harbor Road west, then turn south on West Side Road to Lime Kiln Point State Park.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		52°	44°	12d
Jun		63°	53°	6d
Aug		68°	58°	4d
Sep		63°	54°	10d
Oct		55°	48°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Summer is peak orca season. June–September offers the highest probability of Southern Resident killer whale sightings. Book whale-watch tours in advance — they sell out on port...

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This map shows the San Juan Islands and surrounding areas. Key locations include:

- Islands and Islets:** North Pender Island, South Pender Island, Blunden Islet, Saturna Island, Tumbo Island, Patos Island, Sucia Island, Matia Island, Orcas Island, San Juan Island, Lopez Island, Shaw Island, Jones Island, Low Island, Henry Island, Spieden Island, John's Island, Brethour Island, Gooch Island, Forrest Island, Little Group, Imrie Island, Moresby Island, Chatham Islands, Great Discovery Island, Trial Islands, Oak Bay, and many others.
- Water Bodies:** Salish Sea.
- Settlements and Villages:** Eastsound, Lopez Village.
- Markings:** Numbered circles (1, 2, 3, 4) and a 'P' symbol are placed on the map, likely indicating specific points of interest or study sites.
- Scale:** A scale bar at the bottom left indicates distances of 3 miles and 5 kilometers.

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