



Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

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SAN JUAN ISLAND, WASHINGTON

This outdoor enthusiast's dream is quickly gaining cred as a serious culinary destination.

Why Now: Reachable by passenger ferry or seaplane from Seattle, the most populous of the San Juan Islands has long been a top spot for experiencing marine wildlife. Thanks to an abundance of local bounty—think salal berries and bull kelp—artisan chefs now are putting this remote destination on the culinary

map. Seattleites trek to the “Gourmet Archipelago” for its restaurants, vineyard, breweries, distillery, shellfish farm and agriculture. **Where to Go:** Step off the ferry and get comfy in one of the 15 rooms at Bird Rock Hotel. Savor fresh-baked scones each morning, then explore Friday Harbor on one of the hotel’s compli-

mentary beach cruisers. Mingle with superfriendly locals over coffee and decadent twice-baked almond croissants at Cafe Demeter before heading out to discover a favorite new (perhaps local) author at Griffin Bay Bookstore. The well-curated independent book emporium has been in business for more than 30 years. A

few blocks away at The Whale Museum, check out real whale skeletons or adopt an endangered southern resident orca. Then hop on San Juan Transit to Lime Kiln Point State Park. Also known as Whale Watch Park, it's one of the best places in the world to search for whales from land—and picnic by a charming lighthouse. Back in town, belly up to the bar at Cask & Schooner for a bowl of razor clam chowder and a pint. Or for a more refined seafood experience (and a killer wine list), grab a table at Coho Restaurant. — **CHARYN PFEUFFER**

HIT THE TOWN

- 📍 **Maya's Legacy Whale Watching**
Orca sightings are almost guaranteed with this go-to for small-group tours.
- 📍 **Westcott Bay Shellfish Co.**
Enjoy raw and barbecued oysters on the water.
- 📍 **San Juan Island Brewery**
Don't miss the Bull Kelp ESB at this newcomer.



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