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**\$\$\$** ✕ **Restaurant at Friday Harbor House.** Creativity and dedication to local ingredients are hallmarks of this stylish, contemporary restaurant that serves daily brunch and dinner most evenings. The brunch burger, topped with a fried egg and green-tomato-and-bacon jam, and breakfast poutine with duck confit and cheese curds make for decadent starts to your day. **Known for:** brunch served every day; excellent wine and cocktail lists; panoramic views of Friday Harbor. [📍] *Average main:* \$26 [📞] *Friday Harbor House, 130 West St., Friday Harbor* [📞] 360/378-8455 [🌐] *www.fridayharborhouse.com* ☺ *No dinner Tues. and Wed.*

## WHERE TO STAY

**\$\$** 🏠 **Birdrock Hotel.** The range of spiffy lodging options ranges from affordably priced if compact rooms that have private baths down the hall to downright cushy two-bedroom suites with gas fireplaces, spacious sitting rooms, pitched ceilings, and terrific harbor views. **Pros:** handy downtown Friday Harbor location; tasteful, unfussy furnishings; great value. **Cons:** central location means some street noise and crowds. [📍] *Rooms from:* \$188 [📍] *35 1st St., Friday Harbor* [📞] 360/378-5848, 800/352-2632 [🌐] *www.birdrockhotel.com* 🛏️ 10 rooms, 5 suites 🍳 Breakfast.

**\$\$\$\$** 🏠 **Friday Harbor House.** At this bluff-top getaway with floor-to-ceiling windows, sleek, modern wood furnishings and fabrics in beige hues fill the rooms, all of which have gas fireplaces, deep jetted tubs, and at least partial views of the marina, ferry landing, and San Juan Channel below (be sure to request a marina-view room at booking). **Pros:** great views; excellent restaurant; steps from downtown shopping and dining. **Cons:** limited views from some rooms; among the priciest hotels in the San Juan Islands. [📍] *Rooms from:* \$309 [📍] *130 West St., Friday Harbor* [📞] 360/378-8455, 866/722-7356 [🌐] *www.fridayharborhouse.com* 🛏️ 23 rooms 🍳 Breakfast.

**\$\$** 🏠 **Island Inn at 123 West.** There's a pretty striking mix of accommodation styles at this cosmopolitan complex that tumbles down a hillside overlooking Friday Harbor, from intimate Euro-style rooms that lack exterior windows to expansive suites with water views to ginormous bilevel penthouses with two bedrooms, private decks, gorgeous full kitchens, and astounding views. **Pros:** penthouse suites are great for luxurious family getaways; Euro-style standard rooms are a good deal; handy in-town location. **Cons:** suites are quite spendy; standard rooms have no outlooks. [📍] *Rooms from:* \$209 [📍] *123 West St., Friday Harbor* [📞] 360/378-4400, 877/512-9262 [🌐] *www.123west.com* 🛏️ 5 rooms, 11 suites 🍳 No meals.

**\$\$\$** 🏠 **Kirk House Bed and Breakfast.** Rooms are all differently decorated in this 1907 Craftsman bungalow, the summer home of steel magnate Peter Kirk: the Garden Room has a botanical motif, the sunny Trellis Room is done in soft shades of yellow and green, and the Arbor Room has French doors leading out to the garden. **Pros:** gorgeous house full of stained glass and other lovely details; within walking distance of town. **Cons:** occasional noise from nearby airport; a couple of the rooms are on the small side. [📍] *Rooms from:* \$245 [📍] *595 Park St., Friday Harbor* [📞] 360/378-3757, 800/639-2762 [🌐] *www.kirkhouse.net* 🛏️ 4 rooms 🍳 Breakfast.