

San Juan Islands road trip

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Snuggly ensconced between Northwestern Washington and Vancouver Island is a collection of landmasses that yield to the ebb and flow of the Salish Sea. The 172 islands, each with its own distinct appeal, are known collectively as the San Juan Islands. Only four of the islands are serviced by the Washington State Ferry System, the others are left to boaters and pilots to explore. Some of the islands are privately owned and prop up giant estates. Others have been designated as state parks with hiking trails and camping. A few are only visible during low tides, which can make boating a contact sport.

After our zip tour we went to check into our accommodations at the **Friday Harbor House**, a really nice boutique hotel perched atop the hill overlooking Friday Harbor. We had a wonderful view from our room with a large sliding door that led to a grassy knoll with several tables and chairs to relax and take in the views.

The next day we woke to a beautiful sunrise casting its amber glow across the harbor. We headed to the restaurant area of the Friday Harbor House where they had a nice breakfast buffet presented. With coffee in hand we headed outside to sit at one of the tables on the grassy knoll overlooking the harbor. It was a sensational start to our second day on the islands.

