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press. You can also order breakfast all day, fresh salads, hearty bagels, or one of the baked goods brought in three times a week from nearby bakeries.

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SAKURA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR Japanese

1830 S. Burlington Blvd., Burlington
360.588.4281. sakuraburlington.com

Professional Teppanyaki chefs take you on a journey of delicious and interactive dining at Burlington's Sakura Japanese Steakhouse. Using the freshest ingredients and perfect seasonings, they stir-fry your meal right before your eyes, creating a fabulous feast. Choose from steak and chicken to salmon and shrimp; each meal is served with soup, salad, rice, and vegetables. If it's sushi you crave, they also offer a full sushi bar.

\$555 ○○

SHAMBALA BAKERY & BISTRO American

614 S. 1st Ave., Mount Vernon
360.588.6600. shambalabakery.com

Crack open Shambala Bakery and Bistro's menu to find all-day breakfast options and an array of sandwiches, salads, pizzas, and lighter fare items such as quiche and soup. Their daily specials take advantage of what's in season.

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TAQUERIA LA BAMBA Mexican

2222 Riverside Dr., Ste. 850, Mount Vernon
360.424.0824

Off the road and inside a small plaza sits a little gem—a family-run, low-key Mexican restaurant. Taqueria La Bamba offers authentic taco truck food in a sit-down restaurant. The salsas are spicy, full of flavor, and made in-house. If you're looking for authentic Mexican food at a low price, eat here and you won't be disappointed.

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THE UNION TAVERN – LOCAL 902 American

902 Commercial Ave., Anacortes
360.873.8245.
theuniontaVERN-local902.com

Patrons can get the perfect-size dish in a flavor profile to satisfy any craving. With plenty of beers on rotation, there's the basics plus a surprise or two. Cocktails are another highlight—you won't find Red Bull vodkas or overly sweetened Mai Tais here. The staff uses fresh juice, quality spirits, and house-made sours and grenadine. Staffers are encouraged to create their own cocktails, and the tastiest concoctions get a place on the menu.

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ISLAND COUNTIES

CAPTAIN WHIDBEY INN American

2072 Captain Whidbey Inn Rd., Coupeville
360.678.4097. captainwhidbey.com

The entire menu features down-to-earth items that are reasonably priced, locally sourced, and well-balanced. While the inn does serve as a special-occasion spot, folks dressed in shorts and a T-shirt are also welcomed. Built in 1907, Captain Whidbey Inn is a historical gem.

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CYNTHIA'S BISTRO American

65 Nichols St., Friday Harbor. 360.298.8130.
cynthiasofcourse.com

Located in a renovated 1920s home, this local San Juan Island staple is known for their innovative menu selections. You can enjoy lunch, or even an extended breakfast, daily in spring and summer. They are famous for their brunch, but you might try stopping by later in the evening for their dinner menu—a special treat.

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FRIDAY HARBOR HOUSE Regional NW

130 West St., Friday Harbor
360.378.8455. fridayharborhouse.com

It's hard to beat the view of the ferry landing, marina, and San Juan Channel from Friday Harbor House—the hotel and restaurant provide a sweeping panorama of water and sky. In addition to the delicious food menu, Friday Harbor House is one of the few island restaurants to offer a full bar at brunch every day of the week.

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INN AT LANGLEY American

400 First St., Langley. 360.221.3033.
innatlangley.com

If beauty were a taste, this would be it. As a guest, you're taken on a mouth-watering culinary journey through a multi-course tasting menu. Not only is the meal a delight for the taste buds, but there are also surprises at each turn, whether it's the presentation or the accoutrements. Each guest is served as if they are the only one in the dining room. The menu is prix fixe, with an additional charge for wine pairing. Dinner here is more than just a meal; it's an experience.

\$555 ○○

PRIMA BISTRO French

201 1/2 First St., Langley
360.221.4060. primabistro.com

A quintessential South Whidbey dining experience in the heart of Langley, Prima Bistro marries gourmet French cuisine and classic Northwest ingredients. The selection of red and white wines offers options for connoisseurs of every stripe, along with a full bar. For fabulous