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The Bluff Restaurant-Dining with Panoramic Friday Harbor Views

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The Bluff Restaurant in Friday Harbor

We love cruising in the San Juan Islands, and one of those reasons is all the great places to eat.

The Bluff Restaurant at [Friday Harbor House](#) has an outside terrace and a dining room with panoramic views of Friday Harbor. They serve [Northwest inspired cuisine](#) and have a wide selection of Washington wines and beers, as well as, classic cocktails.

It is easy to spot from the docks—on the bluff look for the brown and gray contemporary building with orange umbrellas. The restaurant is a five minute walk from the Port of Friday Harbor and getting there does mean a short walk up a flight of stairs. From the Port's main dock take the sidewalk to the right of the roundabout and follow it up the stairs to 1st Street, take a left and walk one block to West Street, and take another left. On the corner you'll see the sign for Friday Harbor House and The Bluff Restaurant is inside the building closest to the water.

Where: 130 West St. Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Dinner Hours: Friday through Monday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Happy Hour Drinks: Friday through Monday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Reservations: 360.378.8455

Dining At The Bluff Restaurant

I dined at The Bluff for the first time this summer and it certainly made an impression. This is what we had:

Caipirinha Cocktail



If you like rum drinks you'll like a Caipirinha—Brazil's national drink—made with liquor distilled from sugarcane called cachaça. It's light and refreshing and best of all you get to shake it yourself!

\$12

Cheese Plate



There is a good selection of appetizers like roasted nuts, beef sliders, salmon tacos, Dungeness crab cakes and seasoned fries. We ordered the cheese board which had aged white cheddar, brie and blue cheese with balsamic fig preserves (made from their own fig trees) and bread. \$14

Clam & Salmon Chowder



Lighter fare consists of creative salads, an chicken brioche sandwich, a Bluff burger with bacon-onion-tomato jam (I'm ordering this next time) and chowder. The chowder is creamy and flavorful with salmon, Pacific clams, cod and roasted corn. \$5 cup/\$10 bowl

The Salmon Run & Flat Iron Special



There are plenty of entrées to choose from like pasta, crab, beef, chicken, fresh fish and Pacific Manila clams. I had the wild salmon and my partner had the special which was flat iron steak. Both were prepared with white wine risotto and seasonal roasted vegetables. The white wine risotto was the best risotto we've ever had. It was creamy with a hint of Parmesan flavor, and a few months later we are still talking about it. If had to order it over again I'd order the flat iron. It was juicy and flavorful and cooked perfectly. \$33/\$26

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