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# ISLAND ESCAPES

72 Amazing Experiences  
in 25 Island Destinations



San Juan Islands Museum of Art

eight original buildings, including the 19th-century farmhouse and barn, which houses the Museum of History & Industry.

For happy-hour libations, head back to the waterfront. **Cask & Schooner** (1 Front St., 360/378-2922, [www.caskandschooner.com](http://www.caskandschooner.com)) serves pints, wine cocktails, and hearty \$5 appetizers. **Downriggers** (10 Front St., 360/378-2700, [www.downriggerssanjuan.com](http://www.downriggerssanjuan.com)) is a great spot for ferry- and people-watching.

### Shore-Lined Byways

San Juan's two-lane roads twist and turn amid brush-filled hills, farm fields, flower meadows, sharp cliffs, and rocky beaches. They pass lighthouses, historic sites, produce stands, and vineyards. If you're up for challenge, rent a bike from **Island Bicycles** (380 Argyle Ave., Friday Harbor, 360/378-4941, [islandbicycles.com](http://islandbicycles.com)) and follow one of its recommended routes. A leisurely (and less-strenuous) drive is equally nice, though.

From Friday Harbor, it's 2 miles along **Scenic Byway South** to driftwood-strewn **Jackson Beach** (Pear Point Rd.) and another 4 miles to the **San Juan Island National Historical Park's American Camp** (4668 Cattle Point Rd., 360/378-2240, [www.nps.gov/sajh](http://www.nps.gov/sajh)), where U.S. Army troops stayed during The Pig War (1859), a five-month-long land-rights dispute between the United States and Great Britain. (It all started with the shooting of a trespassing pig, and, despite much posturing on either side, ended peacefully.) The functional **Cattle Point Lighthouse** (1935) is nearby.

**Lime Kiln Point State Park** (1567 Westside Rd., 360/378-2044, [parks.state.wa.us](http://parks.state.wa.us)) is home to another working (1919) lighthouse. A short path leads to a rocky viewpoint where you can spot orca or gray whales and other wildlife. Also along this southern byway are **Pelindaba Lavender Farm** (45 Hawthorne Ln., 360/378-4248, [www.pelindabalavender.com](http://www.pelindabalavender.com))—with seasonal (May–Oct.) farm tours, workshops, and a cutting garden—and the **San Juan County Park** (50 San Juan Park Rd., 360/378-8420, [www.sanjuanco.com](http://www.sanjuanco.com)), a popular spot for hiking and kayaking.

Alternatively, you can follow **Scenic Byway North's** 20-mile loop. It passes the 30-acre **San Juan Vineyards** (3136 Roche Harbor Rd., 360/378-9463, [www.sanjuanvineyards.com](http://www.sanjuanvineyards.com)), where you can

taste award-winning estate whites, before entering the town of Roche Harbor, where the **San Juan Islands Sculpture Park** (9083 Roche Harbor Rd., 360/370-0035, [www.sjisculpturepark.com](http://www.sjisculpturepark.com)) has more than 150 works along 5 marked trails.

Stop for a bite at the 1886 **Roche Harbor Resort** (248 Reuben Memorial Dr., 360/378-2155, [www.rocheharbor.com](http://www.rocheharbor.com)) before heading south to Garrison Bay. The **San Juan National Historic Park's British Camp** (West Valley Rd., 360/378-2240, [www.nps.gov/sajh](http://www.nps.gov/sajh)) marks where the English hunkered down during The Pig War; summer sees an encampment reenactment. Just south, pick up a cozy sweater or other knit souvenir at the 80-acre **Krystal Acres Alpaca Farm and Country Store** (3501 West Valley Rd., 360/378-6125, [www.krystalacres.com](http://www.krystalacres.com)).

## Eat and Stay

### San Juan Island

**Backdoor Kitchen.** Dinners featuring international cuisine are served in a polished-wood dining room or on a plant-filled patio. 400b A St., Friday Harbor, (360) 378-9540, [www.backdoorkitchen.com](http://www.backdoorkitchen.com).

**Coho Restaurant.** At this dinner-only restaurant, locally sourced seafood and other ingredients are given a Mediterranean twist. Look into the prix-fixe three-course Chef's Tasting menus. 120 Nichols St., Friday Harbor, (360) 378-6330, [www.cohorestaurant.com](http://www.cohorestaurant.com).

**Bird Rock Hotel.** The historical exterior belies this boutique hotel's modern interior. Amenities include Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and free bikes. A stay here gets you access to the pool at the Earthbox Inn & Spa, a nearby sister property. 35 1st St., Friday Harbor, (360) 378-2881, [www.birdrockhotel.com](http://www.birdrockhotel.com).

**Friday Harbor House.** Watery views, cooked-to-order breakfasts, and sleek rooms with gas fireplaces and jetted tubs are among this hotel's draws. 130 West St., Friday Harbor, (360) 378-8455, [www.fridayharborhouse.com](http://www.fridayharborhouse.com).



Orca whale, Haro Strait



Pejindaba Lavender Farm



Marina views from  
Friday Harbor House, San Juan Island