

## **Washington San** Juan Islands Private Adventure

6 Days



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Escape the everyday with this nature-lover's trip to the Pacific Northwest, known for its diverse ecosystems, dramatic coastlines, and lush forest landscapes. Kayak the San Juan Islands, a serene archipelago between Washington and Canada that feels like it's a world away. Here, you'll have the chance to watch for orcas and humpbacks, while paddling along the coastline and enjoying beautiful sunsets. Also explore the islands on foot and take a beautiful hike to the summit of Mount Constitution (2,399 feet). After spending full days reveling in natural splendor, you'll leave feeling refreshed and inspired. How to get to San Juan Island

#### **Details**

## **Testimonials**

Arrive: Friday Harbor, Washingtor "I have taken 12 trips with MT Sobek. Each has left

a positive imprint on me—widening my view of the

Depart: Friday Harbor, Washingtor world and its peoples."

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Duration: 6 Days

Group Size: 5-12 Guests "MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended

family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the

Minimum Age: 13 Years Old itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in life

should be so easy."

Activity Level:  $\binom{1}{1}\binom{2}{2}\binom{3}{3}\binom{4}{4}\binom{5}{5}$  Kathy J.

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

#### **REASON #01**

MT Sobek has been crafting unique itineraries for adventure seekers since 1969, working with top local guides to pave new trails.

#### REASON #02

This is expertly crafted 5-day adventure blends kayaking and island exploration with ample opportunities for rest and relaxation. It's perfect for the short-on-time traveler.

#### REASON #03

Our guides and crew work hard maximizing the amount of wildlife encounters both on land and sea, and guides will always be kayaking with you.

## What to Expect



#### ACTIVITIES

Hike and paddle in search of wildlife and whales! One day of easy kayaking suitable for beginners, four days of easy hiking, and an half day zodiac tour.



#### LODGING

Enjoy nights at two comfortable hotels, including the historic Roche Harbor House and wellappointed Rosario Resort.



#### CLIMATE

In September, daytime temperatures are in the high 60°Fs and nights drop to the high 40°Fs.

Be prepared for sun and rain.

## **Meet Our Guides**

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

After graduating from the College of Charleston, Jordan decided to make a move out to the west coast to become a guide. She was first introduced to the outdoors in the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota and has been outside every summer since, working as a wilderness canoe guide and on a trail crew in Northern Colorado. When not guiding, Jordan can be found cooking up some pad Thai, jogging, popping some popcorn, or water coloring.

Jordan Vogt

A native San Diegan, Ryder grew up near the ocean and has spent the past six years guiding around San Juan. He enjoys spreading his love for kayaking and the ocean, and educating others about the area. Along with kayaking, he enjoys biking, hiking, and running.

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## **Itinerary**

#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO SAN JUAN ISLANDS!

Begin your adventure by traveling to the charming town of Friday Harbor via ferry or sea plane this morning. Meet your guides and fellow guests midday, then take in the first of many splendid marine vistas that you will enjoy on an introductory hike. Walk through quiet woodlands and along the shoreline, learning about the settlement and protection of these islands along the way. Gather for a dinner in town this evening.

Activity: Independent arrivals / 2-3 hours hiking

Meals: L, D

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#### DAY 2 SEA KAYAKING NEAR ROCHE HARBOR

Embark on a full day kayak paddle along the rugged, forested coastline near Roche Harbor waters to get to know the ocean habitat of the San Juan Islands. Look for marine mammals and birds as you paddle the protected waters, famous for the density and variety of its marine life, in an area that offers the best chance to see orcas from your kayak. Dinner is a beachside feast with locally sourced fish and oysters.

Activity: Kayaking in protected waters (4-5 hours)

Meals: B, L, D

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#### DAY 3 HIKE & FARM VISIT / WHALE WATCHING

After breakfast, savor more of the fresh sea air with a morning coastal walk that will include a visit to a local farm. This afternoon, embark on a zodiac-style boat to one of the best whale watching spots in the world, be on the lookout for minke whales, humpbacks and orcas! After a full day of exploring and whale watching, relax before a fine dinner featuring local Northwest delicacies.

Activity: 3-4 hours walking / 3 hour boat ride

Meals: B, L, D

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#### DAY 4 EXPLORE LOPEZ MONUMENT LANDS & ARRIVE ORCAS ISLAND

Take an early ferry to Lopez Island for a day of exploration and discovery in the San Juan Islands National Monument. Breakfast will be prepared by your guides on the ferry as you enjoy the stunning ocean views. On arrival, hike two different trails, enjoying scenic and protected shores and tidelands, including Shark Reef, Iceberg Point, and Point Colville National Monument. Photo ops abound! This afternoon, sail via ferry to your historic hotel on Orcas Island, home for the next two nights.

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 5 EXPLORE ORCAS ISLAND & LOCAL FARE

Spend the day winding along Moran State Park's trails, a region carved by glaciers. Our hike (approx. 6-7 miles) to summit Mt. Constitution offers epic views, old growth island forest habitat, several scenic lakes, and seasonal waterfalls and streams. Wrap up the day by sampling locally-sourced fare at dinner.

Activity: 5-6 miles hiking

Meals: B, L, D

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#### DAY 6 DEPART ORCAS ISLAND

Enjoy a final optional early morning hike and lunch before bidding farewell to the group. Return to the mainland via ferry (to Anacortes) or seaplane (to Seattle).

Activity: 2-3 miles hiking

Meals: B, L

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Dates	
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GOT QUESTIONS? SPEAK WITH AN EXPERT.	

## **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums,
- wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and porterage

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- **Travel Protection Program**
- Personal expenses

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## The World of MT Sobek

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