



New Series:

Exploring the Islands of Washington State

Welcome to our new series, "Exploring the Islands of Washington State," where we journey through the diverse and enchanting islands of the Evergreen State. Our first stop is the stunning San Juan Islands, a perfect destination for spring and summer adventures.

Discovering the San Juan Islands

Nestled in the Salish Sea, the San Juan Islands are known for their breathtaking landscapes, abundant wildlife, and myriad outdoor activities. The main islands—San Juan, Orcas and Lopez—each offer unique experiences. We also include Shaw Island centered between these three larger islands.



San Juan Island

- **Vibrant Atmosphere:** The busiest and most populated island, with shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions in Friday Harbor
- **Whale Watching:** Renowned for orca sightings, especially at Lime Kiln Point State Park
- **Historical Sites:** Home to the San Juan Island National Historical Park, commemorating the Pig War

Orcas Island

- **Rugged Landscape:** Features Moran State Park with extensive hiking trails and Mount Constitution, the highest point in the San Juans
- **Artistic Community:** Known for its galleries, studios, and cultural events

Lopez Island

- **Cycling Haven:** The flattest island, ideal for biking with a relaxed, friendly atmosphere
- **Welcoming Community:** Known for its slower pace of life and local charm

Shaw Island

- **Location:** Nestled between the 3 larger islands is Shaw Island, home to Our Lady of the Rock Monastery
- **Prayer and Community:** The Benedictine Monastery of Women is a place of prayer and community, hosting various events and welcoming visitors for Mass and the Divine Office.

Spring and Summer Activities

Spring

- **Hiking:** Explore trails in Moran State Park and San Juan Island's National Historical Parks
- **Whale Watching:** Spot orcas and other marine wildlife from shore or guided tours
- **Art and Culture:** Visit galleries and participate in community art events

Summer

- **Kayaking and Boating:** Rent a kayak or take a boat tour to discover hidden coves and beaches
- **Cycling:** Enjoy scenic routes on Lopez Island
- **Festivals and Events:** Experience local festivals and farmers' markets

Planning Your Visit

- **Book Early:** Reserve ferry tickets as soon as they become available, especially for peak seasons
- **Round-Trip Reservations:** Required for San Juan and Orcas Islands; only westbound for Lopez and Shaw Islands
- **Arrive Early:** Arrive at the ferry terminal at least 30-60 minutes before departure

Our next issue will continue to explore more gems in Washington State's island treasure trove. Until then, happy travels!

Celebrating
Earth Day: April 22nd
Arbor Day: April 25th



Upcoming Events for April

April 5
Monster Jam (monster trucks)
Lumen Field
Seattle, WA

April 10 - 20
Spring Fair (baby animals, rides)
WA State Fair Events Center
Puyallup, WA

April 11 - 13 (Free)
Cherry Blossom & Japanese Fest
Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center
Seattle, WA

April 12 - 26
Earth Day Events (various locations)
Earth Talks at Seattle U (April 22)
Seattle, WA

April 15
Hockey: Kraken vs. LA Kings
Climate Pledge Arena
Seattle, WA

April 19 - 20 (Free)
Easter Egg Hunts (locations)
Seattle Community Centers
Tacoma (Pierce County)

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Ready for the **Cherry Blossoms**?

Cherry blossoms in Seattle are a beautiful sight, especially in spring, typically blooming from late March to early April. The city is famous for its cherry blossom trees, particularly in the University of Washington's Quad, attracting many visitors.

The history of cherry blossoms in Seattle dates back to 1976 when the Japanese government gifted over 1,000 cherry trees as a symbol of friendship. These trees were planted in various locations,

including the University of Washington and Seward Park.

The Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival, held annually, celebrates the blooming trees with cultural events, performances, and educational activities showcasing Japanese culture. The festival highlights the beauty of cherry blossoms and fosters community spirit and appreciation for nature.

National Pet Day, April 11th: **A Pawsome Celebration of Love and Adoption!**



National Pet Day isn't only about pampering pets but also about raising awareness of pet adoption and responsible pet ownership. Many organizations use this day to promote adoption events, encouraging people to consider adopting pets from shelters. It's also a great opportunity for pet owners to educate themselves about the proper care, training, and health needs of their pets.

National Pet Day, was founded by Colleen Paige in 2006 to celebrate pets and promote pet adoption. It raises awareness about animals in shelters and encourages people to adopt rather than shop. It's a special day for pet lovers to appreciate their furry friends!

Office Space Design Inspiration



Buzzspace - BuzziTrom acoustic light, Hon - Sculpt occasional table/planter, Via Seating - Astro soft seating, OFS - Puzzle occasional table, Porter planters, Mya freestanding data/power supply, Kimball - Brutus bookshelf, Kimball - Daymora lounge seating.



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HON - Ignition seating, Sculpt planter, Accelerate - desks and panels.



Kimball - Everspace modular platform, Blu Dot - Ultra Chandelier, Stylex - Dela chairs, HON - Astir Pouf ottoman, Empower End of Run touchdown table.