

Celebrate summer at these 10 places in the Pacific Northwest

Soaking up the season in Washington, Oregon & British Columbia, too



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When summer finally rolls around, the Pacific Northwest beckons.

We've come up with plenty of enticing ways to make the most of this sun-kissed season, marked by endless, azure days and fresh-aired evenings when the fiery light falls just so.

Switching over to island time should top everyone's summer to-do list, and Washington's gorgeous San Juans prove the perfect place to do just that.

The islands are a breeze to get to, thanks to ferries that regularly push off from Anacortes and seaplanes that make the journey even speedier. To get to San Juan Island, Clipper Vacations offers another appealing option that combines easy transport from downtown Seattle (to Friday Harbor) with an awesome wildlife adventure.

Activities abound on San Juan Island, whether you're into outdoor adventures or the arts. Hike Mt. Dallas (the highest point on the island), sip local cider, brandy and gin at Roche Harbor's San Juan Distillery, get a history lesson at American Camp and English Camp, or glimpse sea life at Lime Kiln State Park. To get out on the water, enjoy intimate excursions with highly knowledgeable Captain Hobbes on San Juan Island Whale & Wildlife Tours.

In Friday Harbor, enjoy tasty pub fare and fresh, seasonal seafood dishes (as well as a laid-back, inviting vibe) at Cask & Schooner. Just steps from the ferry dock, relish a delicious and locally-sourced meal – with elevated water views – or an overnight stay at luxury-tinged Friday Harbor House.