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## Meet on the Islands

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*With warm hospitality in a stunning location, the San Juan Islands await your next meeting or special event.*

A picture-perfect setting, fine facilities and warm hospitality make the San Juan Islands a popular destination for summer-time tourists. When you step onto one of the islands, the sounds of the city become only a memory, allowing your group to get down to business without distraction. When the meetings are over the islands offer a bounty of diversions.

A temperate marine climate means you will likely encounter mild weather whenever you visit, making the island an attractive option for meetings and events year-round. The period from mid-September to mid-March offers optimum availability and privacy.

The Islands abound with opportunities for team activities and post-conference pursuits. The activities range from strenuous to relaxing. Activities include cycling, sea kayaking, whale watching and zip lining. Quaint villages provide opportunities for browsing through local boutiques and sampling island-fresh culinary delights.

San Juan, Orcas and Lopez islands are easily accessible by private charter boat, by ferry or by air, and free parking is available for guests arriving by ferry. Visitors will note the absence of traffic lights and will enjoy the friendliness when they visit the islands.

## **San Juan Island**

The largest community in the islands, Friday Harbor is the hub of activity on San Juan Island. With a variety of accommodations, a bustling marina and a selection of meeting spaces, Friday Harbor is an ideal home base for groups heading to the islands. Beyond Friday Harbor, resorts located around the island can accommodate small groups for a quiet retreat or large groups for a productive conference.

Only four blocks from the ferry landing at Friday Harbor, the Earthbox Inn and Spa has the appearance of a classic Northwest motor inn. Inside the Inn, you will find a comfortable retreat-like atmosphere with all the modern amenities. Groups will find a full-service venue that is ideal for a mid-size conference or intimate retreat. The quiet location is just steps from the center of Friday Harbor, offering access to all the dining, shopping and recreation that the town is known for.

The second-floor conference room can accommodate up to 75 for a meeting or banquet, and it can be divided for smaller groups or breakout sessions. The conference room is equipped with audiovisual equipment, and complimentary WiFi is available throughout the facility. The conference room has a commercial kitchen and the Inn's staff can provide local catering options to meet the group's needs.

Perched on the hill overlooking the harbor, the Friday Harbor House offers a relaxed space for a company retreat, special luncheon or multi-day meeting. The hotel's guest rooms are modern and tasteful. The restaurant features fresh regional cuisine and expansive views.

The venue's San Juan Room provides a warm, stylish setting for any gathering. Accommodating up to 75 guests in a theater-style setup, the room features a large fireplace and a relaxed ambience. The outdoor patio is a nice space to wind down at a post-meeting reception.

Recently upgraded audiovisual equipment, complimentary WiFi and free parking make the Friday Harbor House an attractive option for groups. The hotel's culinary team offers onsite catering to meet the needs of any group from break-time refreshments to a full banquet.