

SAN JUAN ISLANDS BIKE TOUR

WASHINGTON STATE'S MULTISPORT PARADISE

Biking on the San Juan Islands, the world seems both expansive and small at the same time. In the San Juans, to-do lists and busy schedules recede and are replaced by placid water, distant peaks and the rhythm of simple fishing villages along the Washington shore. As your focus shifts, it is inexorably drawn to the vastness of the Pacific sprawling to the west, the magnificence of the North Cascades on the horizon and the broad open skies above. These idyllic and relaxing islands, with their temperate maritime climate, lush vegetation and stunning views, offer an absolutely amazing location for your next active-travel bicycle vacation.

From
\$2999

Rider Type
Recreational

Hotel Style
Explorer

Duration
6 days | 5 nights

Start | End
Anacortes, Washington

Dates
2020/Jun/Jul/Aug

TRIP WOWS

Taste the bounty of the islands throughout the week as you enjoy fresh seafood and locally grown vegetables at a variety of outstanding restaurants

Sea kayak on the pristine waters off the northern coast of San Juan Island

Perch on Lime Kiln Point, one of the world's best places to spot passing orca pods

Spend an evening on the water during a sunset wildlife cruise from Friday Harbor, while an onboard naturalist points out intriguing flora and fauna

Marvel at the island seascape view from atop 2,400' Mount Constitution



DAILY ITINERARY

2020

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

Fidalgo Island Loop

Approximately 16 miles with 1,300 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

After a quick 15 minute private shuttle, you'll arrive at Washington Park, on the western edge of Fidalgo Island, where your Trek Travel guides will do a short round of introductions before familiarizing you with your Trek bike and making sure you have a comfortable fit. Then it's into the saddle for today's warm-up ride with views of brilliant blue waters and snow-capped Mount Baker shimmering in the distance. Today's ride ends at the Washington State Ferry Terminal where you will gather for a one hour cruise to Lopez Island, your home for the night. Enjoy a boxed lunch as you take in the sights and sounds of your first ferry crossing. Upon arrival, you'll have a chance to explore Lopez Village and settle into your room at the beautiful Edenwild Inn before gathering for drinks and appetizers in the garden. At this social hour you will hear about all the fun and adventure in store for you in the days ahead. You'll cap the night with delicious fresh local food at one of our favorite local restaurants.

HOTEL:

Edenwild Boutique Inn

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

2

TODAY'S RIDE:

Lopez Island Loop with Ferry Landing Extension

Approximately 23 miles with 1,040 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Short Lopez Island Loop

Approximately 16 miles with 700 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Lopez Island Loop with Mackaye Harbor and Ferry Landing Extensions

Approximately 33 miles with 1685 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Scratch baked goods and fresh fruit parfaits await you this morning as you soak in the last moments of the tranquil Edenwild. After breakfast you'll saddle up to spend the day riding on gentle roads to explore rolling farmland and oceanside routes, all with stunning views, and perhaps you will spot an eagle or two soaring above. Lopez offers the flattest terrain of the trip, so enjoy these roads as you loop back around to Lopez Village. Lunch today will be a signature Trek Travel picnic, including local specialties. Afterwards, you'll head to the ferry landing to board a boat bound for Orcas Island. Once on Orcas, you'll shuttle to the Outlook Inn where you can explore the waterfront village of Eastsound or relax in the gardens in one of the many Adirondack chairs. Tonight, you will walk to Hogstone's Wood Oven for a delightful meal at this small, highly acclaimed eatery. Enjoy dishes prepared by chef Jay Blackinton that showcase local foods in creative, delicious ways.

HOTEL:

Outlook Inn

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day

3

TODAY'S RIDE:

Orcas Island Loop with Deer Harbor Extension

Approximately 25 miles with 1,570 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Orcas Island Loop

Approximately 16 miles with 1,100 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Orcas Island Loop with Deer Harbor Extension and Mount Constitution Climb

Approximately 45 miles with 4,430 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Orcas Island offers the most challenging riding of the trip, but your guides have several ride options for you to choose from today. You'll begin riding on the west side of this horseshoe-shaped island, where you'll see the sparkling waters of President's Channel and the famed Orcas Island Pottery, a cooperative of local potters known for their classic and functional artwork and designs. From Orcas Island Pottery you have a short spin back to Eastsound where you will decide how to spend the rest of your day. You may opt to relax at the hotel and do some shopping in town, or you may continue exploring the east side of the island with your guides. You have the option to visit to Moran State Park and either shuttle, hike or ride to the top of the 2,400-foot Mount Constitution, where you can hike around the park and soak up breathtaking views of the surrounding islands. Your guides will provide lunch to be enjoyed during whatever afternoon option you choose. This evening, explore the charming village of Eastsound at your own pace and take your pick of one of its lovely restaurants for dinner.

HOTEL:

Outlook Inn

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch

Day

4

TODAY'S RIDE:

San Juan Island Loop

Approximately 17 miles with 1,000 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Friday Harbor to Pelindaba Lavender Farm

Approximately 10 miles with 600 feet of climbing

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Sunset Wildlife Cruise

DESCRIPTION:

This morning you will bid farewell to Orcas Island as you ferry to San Juan Island and disembark in the charming port town of Friday Harbor, the largest town in the San Juan Islands. Here you can discover the art galleries or perhaps check out the whale museum before grabbing lunch on your own at one of the cafes. After lunch you'll ride past False Bay, a popular photo spot where the brilliant blue waters contrast stunningly with distant, snow-capped peaks. Pedal through green farmland spotted with red barns and golden straw bales to the Pelindaba Lavender Farm, where you can wander through fragrant purple fields and sample some of their homemade lavender ice cream! This evening your guides will provide dinner for you to take with as you join your travel companions for a sunset wildlife cruise. You'll spend the next several hours on the water, learning about the region's incredible wildlife including orca whales, porpoises, and bald eagles from an onboard naturalist. It's a beautiful way to spend the evening before retiring to your Friday Harbor hotel.

HOTEL:

Earthbox Inn and Spa

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Dinner

Day

5

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Guided Sea Kayaking from Roche Harbor

DESCRIPTION:

You'll trade bicycles for kayaks this morning and explore the pristine inlets and rocky coves of this beautiful coastline. If you're lucky, you may see harbor seals who bed off nearby Henry Island. After your adventure on the waves it's back to dry land for a cafe lunch in scenic Roche Harbor and another relaxing afternoon ride past Lime Kiln State Park. Visitors here often witness pods of resident orcas feeding in the kelp beds just off shore and you can learn more about these enigmatic creatures by visiting the lighthouse research center. This evening the group will gather to toast the week and newfound friends with a social hour overlooking the harbor and a final dinner downtown at one of our local favorite restaurants.

HOTEL:

Earthbox Inn and Spa

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

TODAY'S RIDE:

Roche Harbor to Lime Kiln to Friday Harbor

Approximately 19 miles with 1,400 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Roche Harbor to Lime Kiln
Approximately 10 miles with 870 feet of climbing

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

6

TODAY'S RIDE:

Cattle Point Return

Approximately 18 miles with 1,180 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

This morning's ride is your last chance for a peaceful early-morning spin on San Juan Island. You'll ride to the southernmost tip of the island and Cattle Point, to bask in the stunning views of the Olympic Mountain Range and the lighthouse here that overlooks the Strait of Juan de Fuca--soak up as much as you can before it's time to pack up and head for home. You'll have time to shower and check out before boarding the late morning ferry back to Anacortes.

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

For us, the details matter most

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories.

What's Included

- 5 nights of accommodation at handpicked hotels
- Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
- Daily route support with both guides and our support van
- Daily breakfast, 4 lunches and 4 dinners
- 2 social hours of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek's newest Electric-Assist
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bont rager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bont rager Flare R lights, a Bont rager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
- Bont rager WaveCel helmets
- All gratuities for drivers, local experts and hospitality staff
- All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
- A personalized photobook of your trip
- Entrance fees for all activities, private tours and events

Gear

- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting
- Trek Electric-Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel Bont rager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
- Bont rager WaveCel helmet
- Bont rager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bont rager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
- Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+\$200)
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- *For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.*

THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.

HOTELS



THE EDENWILD BOUTIQUE INN

LOPEZ ISLAND, WASHINGTON

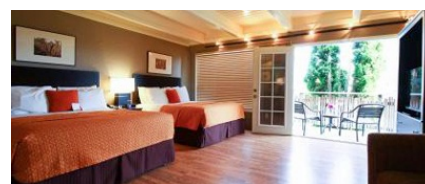
On the first night of your trip to the islands, you will be welcomed by the Rovente family to your room at the Edenwild Boutique Inn, a beautiful and relaxing property in the heart of Lopez Village. This quiet island is the perfect place to begin to unwind as you explore the gardens and wrap-around porch of the inn or venture forth to explore the beach, galleries, cafes and views of Fisherman's Bay and San Juan Channel from the village, just steps away.



OUTLOOK INN

EASTSOUND, WASHINGTON

Perfectly located in the village of Eastsound and right on the water, the Outlook Inn is a delightful place to stay. Combining all the charm of a historic country inn with classic architecture and warm hospitality, the Outlook enjoys an incredible atmosphere and offers a memorable experience for all guests. You will stay in one of the East Wing rooms during your stay.



EARTHBOX INN AND SPA

FRIDAY HARBOR, WASHINGTON

Located in the port town of Friday Harbor, the Earthbox embodies comfort and convenience. Rooms feature simple designs using calming colors, inspired by the earth, sea, sun and sky. With cruiser bikes available for guests to borrow, an indoor pool and on-site spa, the Earthbox is a fun retreat within easy walking distance of Friday Harbor's many restaurants and attractions.



MEETING & DEPARTING

How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA). From the airport you can take the Bellair Airporter to Anacortes (www.Airporter.com, 866 235 5247). Reservations can be made online or by telephone. A one-way ticket costs \$43 per person or \$82 for a round trip. The shuttles run about every two hours between the hours of 6:00 AM and 11:30 PM and it takes about two and a half hours to get to Anacortes. In Anacortes the shuttle will drop you off at the Shell Station in downtown Anacortes at 1312 Commercial Avenue. From here it is a half mile to the Majestic Inn & Spa, where you will meet your guides on the first day of your trip. We recommend calling a taxi upon your arrival in Anacortes to take you and your luggage to the hotel of your choice.

If you chose to drive to Anacortes and need to leave a vehicle somewhere for the duration of the trip, we recommend parking it in the upper lot of the Anacortes Ferry Terminal Lot (Lot #3). The cost for the week is approximately \$55. You must pay at one of the six electronic pay boxes with credit card before leaving the vehicle—parking spaces cannot be reserved in advance. After dropping off the car on the first day of the trip you should take a taxi to meet the group at the normal meeting location. On the last day of the trip your guides can drop you and your luggage off at Lot #3 to retrieve your vehicle.

Before: Seattle, Washington

Nicknamed the Emerald City, Seattle has a lot to offer and, if your travel plans allow, should be explored before your trip. City highlights include Pike Place Market, the Space Needle, the Seattle Art Museum, the Museum of Flight and the Seattle Aquarium. Or, venture out to one of the three National Parks located within a one to three hour drive from Seattle—Mount Rainier National Park, North Cascades National Park, and Olympic National Park. If you are in downtown Seattle and need to get to Anacortes to meet the group for the trip start, you can still use the Bellair Airporter. Airporter shuttles depart from the Washington State Convention Center in downtown. Call 866 235 5247 or visit

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Majestic Inn & Spa (419 Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, Washington) at 8:00 AM on the first day of the trip. Please come dressed in your cycling clothes with your riding gear easily accessible, separate from your luggage. Please also have a set of street clothes and shoes packed separately from your luggage so you can easily change into them for the post-ride ferry crossing. Your guides will acquaint you with your bike and ensure you a comfortable fit before setting out on today's ride.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, the Edenwild Inn (360 468 3238), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. Taxis are available to the Washington State Ferry Terminal in Anacortes to meet the group. You will need to be at the ferry terminal no later than 12:00 PM in order to meet your guides and board the ferry. If you are unable to make it to the ferry terminal by 12:00 PM check the current ferry schedule (www.wsdot.com/ferries/schedule, look for the summer sailing schedule) for departures to Lopez Island. You may call your guides or the Edenwild Inn to arrange transportation from the ferry landing.

Departing Time And Location

You will say farewell to your guides at 12:15 PM at the Anacortes Ferry Terminal. We recommend reserving a ticket with the Bellair Airporter for transportation to the Sea-Tac Airport (www.Airporter.com, 866 235 5247). The cost is \$43 per person, one-way (or \$82 for a round-trip ticket from the airport). Your guides can help you find the Airporter pickup location at the ferry. The shuttle departs for the airport about every two hours between 2:00 AM and 7:00 PM, at 5 minutes after the hour--we recommend booking a ticket on the 1:05 PM shuttle. The shuttle takes about three hours. Please allow adequate connection time for any ongoing travel to accommodate possible traffic delays. Alternatively, you may book a flight on Kenmore Air (www.kenmoreair.com) directly from the Friday Harbor Marina to the Sea-Tac Airport for approximately \$180 per person. Multiple flights are offered each day. Guests who choose this option will say goodbye to their guides and travel companions in Friday Harbor. Contact Kenmore Air for more details of this convenient option.

HOTEL MONACO

Travelers know what they want and that is why Hotel Monaco has consistently been a winner of the Conde Nast Traveler's annual "Reader's Choice Awards." Additionally, this property is located near the center of all that Seattle has to offer—within walking distance of Pike Place Market, the Space Needle and Seattle's best new restaurants, music scene and boutiques. After a day of exploring this gorgeous city Hotel Monaco has guest rooms designed to heighten your senses with wine hour nightly, a yoga mat in each room, hotel bicycles to use during your stay and a host of other amenities.

www.monaco-seattle.com

HOTEL ÄNDRA

One of Seattle's finest boutique hotels, this property is located in the heart of downtown, offering easy access to the waterfront, Pike Place Market and countless shops and cafes. Renowned chef Tom Douglas' Greek-inspired restaurant Lola is right next door (and available through room service) and the Northern Italian-inspired Assaggio Ristorante is Hotel Ändra's other tempting neighbor. When not out dining or exploring, enjoy the relaxing atmosphere and impeccable Scandinavian decor inside this top-rated hotel.

www.HotelAndra.com

CEDARBROOK LODGE

www.Airporter.com to make arrangements. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

After: Anacortes, Washington

Anacortes is the working heart of the San Juan Islands and is well-known as the home of the Washington State Ferry Terminal, serving the San Juan Islands as well as Victoria, British Columbia on Vancouver Island. It is located on Fidalgo Island and enjoys a milder, drier climate than other locations in the Pacific Northwest, due to the rain shadow effect of the Olympic Mountains to the west. Take some time to visit nearby Mount Erie, Washington Park or Deception Pass State Park. We recommend the following accommodations for your post-trip hotel:

If your travel plans require a night spent close to the Seattle-Tacoma Airport either before or after your trip, the Cedarbrook Lodge is the place to stay. This lodge offers the service you'd expect at a boutique hotel, relaxing grounds, an impressive sustainability program, an on-site restaurant specializing in farm-to-table cuisine and a complimentary airport shuttle that's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

www.CedarbrookLodge.com

THE MAJESTIC INN AND SPA

Emanating historical elegance, this small hotel has been recently remodeled with careful attention to detail and is centrally located in the heart of Anacortes. Dine at the 5th Street Bistro or relax at The Apothecary Spa during your stay. It is also the pickup location on the first day of your Trek Travel vacation.

www.MajesticInnAndSpa.com

ANACORTES SHIP HARBOR INN

This unique and quaint property, located about three miles from downtown Anacortes, features 30 rooms which are spread out over 6 acres. The rooms vary widely in size and amenities, and many feature full kitchens, fireplaces, and extra living space. All rooms have views of the Guemes Channel and Rosario Strait and continental breakfast is included in the room rate.

www.ShipHarborInn.com

THE WILD IRIS INN

If you have several days to spend in the area after your Trek Travel vacation, you might consider relaxing in the small village of La Conner, about 15 miles from Anacortes. This bed & breakfast offers comfortable rooms and a delicious breakfast each morning. Take some time to explore this historical waterfront town with boutique shops, art galleries, sunset and dinner boat cruises, and locally sourced cuisine.

www.WildIris.com

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.



FAQS

What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 2 - Recreational
- Average Daily Mileage | 20
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 1,248 feet
- Total Miles | 118
- Total Elevation | 7,490 feet

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Schedule a massage or spa visit
- Take a catamaran cruise or a sunset sail from East sound

Averages and totals are calculated from our "Today's Ride/Avid Ride" options.

The terrain is full of rolling hills, including some long, gradual grades and some short steep ones. The riding near Anacortes and on Lopez Island is the most gentle, and Orcas Island has the hilliest terrain. Many of the roads on the islands have a "chip seal" surface, which is a type of pavement treatment that is more rough than typical asphalt. This type of surface makes the riding slower and a bit more difficult for the distance when compared to asphalt roads you may be used to. San Juan Islands is best suited for our Type 2 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate Type 1 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphills, with a boost in the van. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 3+ Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.

- Visit the Whale Museum or one of the other art & history museums located on the islands
- Enjoy sight seeing and the varied terrain of the San Juan Islands on a horseback ride
- Scenic hiking all over the islands
- Witness first hand the amazing ocean ecosystem while sea kayaking
- Join the group for a sunset wildlife cruise

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.