

# ape adventures<sup>\*</sup> ROAD BIKIING MULTI-SPORT San Juan Islands Road Biking Adventure

### The Basics

State: Washington Activities: Biking, Hiking, Kayaking, Whale Watching Duration: 6 days/5 Nights Season: Summers Type: Camping or Inns Airport: Seattle, WA

## Meeting Information

Location: Best Western Airport Address: 20717 International Blvd. in Seattle, Washington Time: 8am

\*We will return to Seattle between 2-4pm (Camping Tours) 6-8pm (Inns Tours) on the last day.

\*A single supplement is required for solo travelers on this trip. Many of the chosen accommodations on this trip only offer rooms with one bed: \$495.00

#### Bike Rentals Specialized Camping Rentals

- Three-man tent with fly
   and ground tarp
- 30 degree sleeping bag
  Camp Pillow
- (BYO pillowcase)

• Self-inflating ground pad Bringing or shipping your own gear? <u>See our shipping policy.</u>



From quiet pebble beaches to blossoming meadows, San Juan Island cycling is

a peaceful retreat from busy everyday life. A scenic ferry ride from Washington's Fidalgo Island brings us to the maritime world of the San Juan Islands. Here we cycle on serene island roads, navigating around harbors, inlets, bays, and rolling green mountains. We ride through color tulip nurseries and old sheep farms. We visit artist colonies and taste fresh seafood cuisine. In the fall, we can pick our fill of wild berries from just about anywhere along the way.

Our final ride takes us to the to of Mt. Constitution, where we climb up an old stone fort's princess tower for a birds-eye view of the entire San Juan Island chain, the Pacific Ocean, Puget Sound, Olympic National Park, and Cascade mountain range!

The San Juan Islands are also a natural haven for wildlife. We cycle, swim, and kayak in the natural habitats of great blue herons, black-tailed deer, cormorants, seals, sea otters, and king fishers. We watch for dolphins and orca whales as we ferry through the island channels, where whale sightings occur regularly in season.

## **Trip Amenities and Meals**

Cell phone service is spotty throughout the San Juan Islands.

**Camping Tours:** Running water and toilets are available at each of our campsites. All meals are prepared by your experienced guides.

**Inn Tours:** We'll stay in comfortable inns in scenic towns along our route. All meals are in local restaurants except picnic lunches, prepared by your experienced guides.



Specific Trip Tips
Fly directly into Seattle, Washington.

• Please arrive in Seattle at least 12 hours prior to your departure time in order to have time to rest before the tour.

#### What sets us apart?

**Our People:** Our guides are the best in the business, hands down.

**Our Commitment:** We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it! We recycle 90% of our waste, fuel our support van with recycled vegetable oil, and we are the world's 1st carbon-neutral outfitter.

**Our Food:** Our guides lovingly prepare meals for the trip with an emphasis on fresh, local and organic foods, ensuring you have the fuel you need to ride, and a delicious meal at the same timeincluding dessert!

Offset Your Airfare

We've got your trip covered, but use our online <u>Carbon Calculator</u> to offset your travel to and from the trip

#### Day 1 | Biking - La Conner

After meeting in Seattle, we will shuttle to La Conner for a light lunch, pretrip meeting, and orientation to the region.

La Conner, a quaint fishing village, is where we will begin our ride through beautiful Skagit Valley. Skagit Valley is known for its many flower farms; tulips and daffodils dot the landscape. The afternoon is a breeze while we get used to the bikes and the fresh Puget Sound air. Our Inn Tour guests spend the evening in La Conner at the historic Country Inn, while our Camping Tour continues on to the phenomenal Deception Pass and Whidbey Island.

Total Mileage | 16 miles (inns), 16-30 miles (camp)Camp | Whidbey IslandInn | La Conner Country inn

### Day 2 | Biking - Orcas Island

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We start our day with a ride to Anacortes. Our Inns Tour guests have their opportunity to visit the spectacular Deception Pass this morning, while our camping guests will have the extra time for a scenic spin around Washington Park, a beautiful picnic spot on Rosario Strait with amazing views of the San Juan's and the Olympic mountain range. We have lunch onboard the scenic ferry that takes us over to Orcas Island.

Orcas Island is a beautiful combination of rural landscapes dotted with western hemlock and more wildlife than you can imagine. We will spend two days here exploring rural winding roads and open valleys. We arrive on Orcas Island, rested and ready to ride. Eight miles on the road brings us to the town of Eastsound.

Total Mileage | 18-23 miles Camp | Moran State Park

Inn | Outlook Inn, Eastsound

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#### Day 3 | Hiking - Orcas Island

There are many hiking options on Orcas Island. Many of these lead to lush waterfalls and hidden fresh water lakes. Our favorite route takes us from the top of Mount Constitution all the way back to Cascade Lake! In the evening relax back at camp or the Outlook Inn.

**Total Mileage** | 3-5 miles **Camp** | Moran State Park

Inn | Outlook Inn, Eastsound

#### Day 4 | Biking - Orcas Island, Whale Watching - San Juan Island

We leave beautiful Orcas Island this morning for our next destination, San Juan Island. On the way to the ferry, we cycle past a famous pottery studio nestled on the Island shore. We enjoy a lovely packed lunch on the ferry to San Juan Island. From Friday Harbor, we hop on the shuttle and make our way to Snug Harbor where we enjoy a 4-hour wildlife cruise.

Total Mileage | 12-20 miles, wildlife cruiseCamp | San Juan IslandInn | Elements

Day 5 | Biking - San Juan Island, Kayaking - Roche Harbor

Today is a fun and hilly ride around the entirety of San Juan Island. We ride to American Camp, a national historic park that was home to American soldiers during a twelve-year standoff with British troops that began in 1859over a pig! We'll also visit Cattle Point Light House at the southern tip of the island before ending our ride at Lime Kiln State Park. Lime Kiln is the only state park in the country devoted to orca whale watching, and it's considered one of the best spots in the world to observe Orcas from land. The riding today is nothing short of spectacular!

This afternoon we sea kayak alongside pristine beaches. High cliffs linger overhead as we glide through the water. Enjoy a relaxing evening stroll through the quaint streets of Friday Harbor and a scrumptious dinner.

Total Mileage | 15 miles Camp | San Juan Island

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Inn | Elements

Day 6 | Biking, Lopez Island

Cycle along the coast to the south end of Lopez Island where we have lunch overlooking a secluded beach. From here, the Olympic Mountains linger with the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the south, Victoria and Vancouver Island are to the west, and San Juan Island in the foreground. Camping tours have the chance to ride through Washington Park on this last day. We then make our way back to Seattle, taking one last scenic ferry ride back to Anacortes before shuttling the rest of the way back to our meeting spot.

Total Mileage | 10-30 miles

**Trip Cost Includes:** Two guides, all meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, support vehicle, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a souvenir shirt.

**Trip Cost Does Not Include:** Airfare to and from our departure point, lodging before or after the tour, personal camping gear, rental bike, or gratuities to Escape Adventures guides. Tips to the guides are given at your discretion and based on the quality of your experience. We suggest 10-20% of your trip cost to be divided between the guides.

This is a general itinerary and may vary. Escape Adventures reserves the right to make changes due to weather, local conditions, government intervention, or any unforeseen reasons that may affect the quality of the trip and/or safety of the participants. Inns are subject to change.

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For additional information please do not hesitate to call one of our experienced trip planners, and visit the <u>Pre-Trip Information</u> section of our website. Please call 800-596-2953 Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Pacific time.