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The Holiday Season Shines Brighter in the San Juan Islands

FRIDAY HARBOR, WA...If you've ever wanted to live inside your favorite holiday movies like "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" or "It's a Wonderful Life," then the approaching season is a perfect time for a cozy getaway to the San Juan Islands. This year, savor the holiday spirit with winter forest hikes, festive drinks by the fire, a great meal with stunning views, and nostalgic small-town traditions.

Shop local and support small businesses, creative makers, and island entrepreneurs this holiday season! And in the San Juan Islands, it's easy to meet the artisans who create the art, crafts, foods and more. Whether it's the Floating Swans Holiday Mercantile at Turtlehead Farm, or the Old-Fashioned Christmas Market at Brickworks in Friday Harbor. Can't make it to the Islands this year but still want to capture the essence? Find the perfect gift in our Gift Guide [here](#).

From Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, a festive lineup of [Holiday Events and Specials](#) offer plenty of ways to keep friends and families busy, from holiday plays and concerts to wine tastings and dinners, special restaurant and lodging packages, and more. Three tree lighting ceremonies in Eastsound Village Green, Lopez Village, and Friday Harbor will brighten up the chilly nights with carols, cookies, hot cider or chocolate, and plenty of good cheer. Escape the mainland's rush and discover island time.

Friday Harbor/San Juan Island Events:

[Holiday Wine Weekend at Roche Harbor](#), November 16-17

[Island Artisans Holiday Craft Market](#), November 29-30

["The Christmas Tree" Lighting](#), December 6

[San Juan Singers: A Winter Serenade](#), December 14-15

Orcas Island Events

[Handmade Craft Market](#), November 30

[Winter Artisans Market](#), December 6

[Eastsound Holiday on the Green](#), December 6

[Orcas Choral Society: Ceremony of Carols](#), December 7-8

[Floating Swans: A Holiday Mercantile](#), December 7-8

Lopez Island Events

[Village Gathering and Holiday Lighting](#), November 2

[Holiday Cocktail Competition](#), November 22-January 6, 2025

Find more suggestions for a [Cozy Island Holiday](#) at www.visitsanjuans.com.

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