



# Explore! Olympic Wilderness & San Juan Islands

7 NIGHTS | ROUNDTrip SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

## INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Olympic National Park—UNESCO World Heritage Site, San Juan archipelago, and Deception Pass
- Hike in rainforest, old growth forest, state parks, and at Mt. Constitution and Hurricane Ridge
- Transit the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks or cruise the Seattle waterfront
- Kayak, paddle board, and skiff in island channels formed by glaciers
- Watch for whales, orcas, seals, and sea lions
- Birding opportunities—eagles, seabirds, and migrating flocks

## DAY 1 Seattle, Washington – Embarkation

Seattle was founded along the shores of Elliott Bay. Today, set sail via either the historic Hiram M. Chittenden Locks or picturesque Shilshole Bay and cruise along the city's shoreline before dropping anchor in a tucked away cove. (D)

## DAY 2 Salish Sea / Deception Pass

Wake up surrounded by the wilderness of the Salish Sea. Today, there are many opportunities to investigate this sea-salty playground of islands. A guided kayak reveals local inhabitants—sea stars, anemones, jelly fish, perhaps even inquisitive harbor seals. Walk along a curiosity-rich intertidal zone or stretch your legs on a mossy hike. And tides and current permitting, sail through swirling waters of Deception Pass. Cap off your first day of adventure with a front-row view of the sunset from the bow. (BLD)

## DAY 3 Lopez Island

You've landed in one of the most scenic areas of the Salish Sea. The rocky outcroppings of Lopez Island play host to harbor seals—and it's also orca territory. When kayaking, keep your eyes peeled above and below the surface. Go on an intertidal nature walk, hike through the forest to hidden lakes, or "take the high road" on trails that lead to ridges overlooking the Islands. Join your expedition team on deck searching for whales, seals, and sea lions as you cruise through the myriad San Juans—no two islands are the same. (BLD)

## DAY 4 Orcas Island

Your Captain navigates through the islands to your basecamp at Orcas Island for a day of play where the options are unending. A local favorite, hike Mt. Constitution—it's the highest peak in the San Juan Islands (2,409 feet high) and has a mind-blowing view of the archipelago. If you're interested in skiff exploration or more paddling, the kayaks and paddle boards are up for grabs. You might also visit the charming community of Eastsound—it's nestled above Fishing Bay and been around since the late-1880s. (BLD)

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### **DAY 5 Sucia Island**

The treats keep coming! With no paved roads or even ferry access, enjoy your day on picturesque Sucia Island—total year-round population of four—a Washington State Marine Park filled with hidden coves and bays. You feel a million miles away from it all, exploring the intertidal zone with your guides, hiking across the island, and kayaking in a protected bay. Weather permitting; there's even a barbeque ashore. (BLD)

### **DAY 6 Captain's Choice**

Make it an ideal morn by kicking it off with an early soak in the on-deck hot tub, a paddle along the shores of the Olympic Peninsula, or both! Your Captain sets the course today for explorations in the rain shadow of the Salish Sea. You may find yourself hiking deep into the mossy, towering old growth of the Olympic Peninsula or beachcombing for anemone and hermit crabs along the shores of Puget Sound. Or perhaps, a chance to kayak and paddle board, investigate bird rookeries, or search for whales in the Sea's rich emerald waters. (BLD)

### **DAY 7 Olympic National Park**

Hike (or snowshoe if the snow is still there!) in Olympic National Park—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—surrounded by rainforest, old growth forest, and top of the world 360 degree views. Your trek at Hurricane Ridge takes you across fields of sub-alpine flowers in warmer weather and snow-covered hills in the colder months. On a clear day, you can see Canada across to the Straits of Juan de Fuca. This evening, wrap it up with a Farewell Dinner and slide show highlighting your week's adventures. (BLD)

### **DAY 8 Seattle - Disembark**

This morning, cruise into Seattle either via the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks or at Shilshole Bay. After breakfast, the Captain and crew bid you a fond farewell. Safe travels to all! (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

*Itineraries are guidelines; variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur to maximize your experience.*

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