

*SSA & Sparks Travel Club present*

# **The San Juan Islands Explorer**

**September 22-29, 2020**

Our San Juan Islands Explorer tour gives you the very best of the San Juan Islands. It features Friday Harbor & Roche Harbor, as well as the remote northern island of Sucia, an exclusive jewel only accessible by private boats. Our private charter exploration will cover the southern islands and lighthouses, hidden passages in the central islands, and the more remote northern lighthouses and islands. And of course, there is the best possible chance of spotting the most famous residents, the Orca whales. The spectacular scenery, peaceful cruising, the wildlife & marine life and slower pace of the islands is something you won't soon forget!

The tour includes two nights on San Juan Island in the town of Friday's Harbor, Three days of private cruising, Whale Watching and Wildlife Viewing, Two nights visit to the Bavarian town of Leavenworth, Seven Feathers resort & so much more!

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## Tour Highlights:

3-day Private Charter aboard the motor yacht Chinook while cruising the San Juan Islands for Whale & Wildlife Search; Two nights' accommodations on Friday Harbor; Visit to Roche Harbor; Sucia Island Beach Stroll & Picnic Lunch; Cracked Crab Feast; The Bavarian Village of Leavenworth

## Tour Also Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation; One night stay in Bend, Oregon; Two night stay in Leavenworth, Washington; One night stay near Kirkland, Washington and One night stay at Seven Feathers Resort; Breakfast daily; 5 lunches; 1 dinner; Refreshments on board the coach throughout the tour; Admissions, taxes & gratuities for included features; baggage handling; fully escorted by Frontier Travel & Tours; and more!

## **Itinerary:**

**Day One: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 (B,L)**

Our tour will depart from Carson City & Reno and will travel north. A continental breakfast will be served on board and we'll have snacks & drinks on board throughout the tour. A hosted lunch in en route north is included before continuing on to Bend and our overnight accommodations.

**Day Two: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 (B)**

Breakfast is included at the hotel this morning before our early morning departure and travel that continues north. We'll travel across the Columbia River, and stop for a quick no host lunch, before our afternoon arrival at the Bavarian Village of Leavenworth. Our accommodations for the evening will be in the heart of the town at the Bavarian Inn. Simply step out the front door of the hotel to explore this unique village at leisure. The spectacular Cascades mountain range is the backdrop, adding to the feel of being in a true Bavarian village. Enjoy dinner on your own at your choice of traditional German restaurants.



**Day Three: Thursday, September 24, 2020 (B)**

By Popular Request – we've added a full day here in Leavenworth! A hosted breakfast is included this morning and you'll have the day to visit the unique town with its specialty shops, galleries and unique dining options. Your hotel is the perfect location to be able to stroll the streets, relax and enjoy the grandeur of the mountains around you.

**Day Four: Friday, September 25, 2020 (B,L,D)**

It's an early start this morning from Leavenworth, as we make our commute to Bellingham, Washington. We'll head directly to the Cruise Terminal and board the M/V Chinook, our 72' motorized private yacht. After clearing Bellingham Bay we will work our way south to explore the southern end of the San Juan archipelago. We'll cruise past Burrows Island lighthouse, as well as points of interest with names like Iceberg Point, Deadman's Island, and Cattle Pass. A hearty homemade lunch will be served as we go, while our captain gives an interesting and entertaining narration about the history of the islands.

Upon arrival in Friday Harbor you and your luggage will be transferred to the Friday Harbor Suites. With its great location in Friday Harbor you'll have time to look around, do some shopping or explore the Friday Harbor Whale Museum. A hosted dinner is included this evening at Downriggers, located at the pier.



**Day Five: Saturday, September 26, 2020 (B,L)**

We have a full and exciting day ahead of us today. Start the morning off with breakfast at the hotel before we depart. Once we board the Chinook, we will be on our way north in the San Juan Channel to our first stop of the day, historic Roche Harbor Resort. Roche Harbor was established in 1886 as the company town of the Roche Harbor Lime Works. The classic Hotel de Haro is still open today and is now listed on the National Historic Register. You will have a plenty of time for a good walk around on your own, or join us on a guided tour conducted by one of our crew members.



Around noon we'll board the Chinook to explore the more central of the San Juan Islands, while dining on our famous Old Fashioned Cracked Crab Feast. The Feast includes the Northwest's finest Dungeness Crab served with Baked Chicken, Broccoli Salad, Old Fashioned Potato Salad, French Bread & Dessert.

While we enjoy our lunch, we'll go in search of Orca Whales, Humpback Whales and Mike Whales along with looking for Bald Eagles, Harbor Seals, Harbor Porpoise, sea birds and other magnificent wildlife. Viewed in their natural environment these animals are always a treat to behold.

We'll cruise back to Friday Harbor, with arrival late afternoon – and you can enjoy dinner on your own, and perhaps have a pint in one of the local microbreweries.



**Day Six: Sunday, September 27, 2020 (B, L)**

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before our transfer to the pier. We'll say goodbye to Friday Harbor as we steer for the top of the San Juan archipelago. Once again we'll go in search of Orca Whales, Bald Eagles, Harbor Seals, and more. Up north at the very top of the archipelago lies a unique, horseshoe shaped destination called Sucia Island State Park. The reefs and broken shorelines of the island are from a geologic folding of the Earth's crust, which has brought many interesting marine fossils to the surface. Some good examples can be found on the southeast arm of Sucia Island at Fossil Bay. Upon arrival on Sucia you'll be treated to a freshly-prepared picnic on the beach. After lunch take a short hike through the forest or along the shoreline and enjoy this opportunity to stretch your legs among some of the most stunning shorelines and views the Northwest has to offer. After our unforgettable shore visit on Sucia we'll board the Chinook to continue on your final leg of our voyage, taking us through channels and past islands not yet explored. We'll return to Bellingham this afternoon and make a short journey south to Kirkland, Washington area for our overnight stay.

**Day Seven: Monday, September 28, 2020 (B)**

Following our breakfast, we'll say good-bye to Washington and head south. We'll stop along the way for rest/stretch stops and a no host lunch before our late afternoon arrival at the Seven Feathers Resort in Canyonville, Oregon. Always a popular stop with our travel club, this resort features outstanding service, food and rooms – and a chance to try out "Lady Luck". Casino Bonus is included for each guest.



**Day Eight: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 (B,L)**

Breakfast is on your own this morning at Seven Feathers (you may use your food credit casino bonus if you wish). It's a leisurely day of travel home with hosted lunch in the Shasta area where you'll have time to reflect with your fellow travelers on the highlights of this adventure. Return to Reno & Carson City early this evening.

## Special notes for this tour:

We invite you to join our Travel Clubs on this unique tour to the San Juan Islands. This tour features three days on board The Chinook, the latest addition to the Whales fleet – a deluxe 72' vessel with two levels of indoor (plenty for everyone in bad weather) and outdoor seating (for everyone in good weather), great for sightseeing tours! Captain Dale is scheduled to be our guide, and he has fascinating history of the Islands, the Wales and all things San Juan Islands from his lifetime of navigating these waters!

**TOUR NOTES:** There will be some walking during this tour and guests must be able to navigate a few of steps on and off the Chinook. Overnight accommodations on Friday Harbor are located up a small hill, ½ mile from the pier. Shuttle service from the pier is available, but there is a short semi-steep grade from the Chinook to the street where the shuttle picks up. At both Roche Harbor & Sucia Island there is some walking on uneven ground. Canes, and other walking assisting devices are fine for this tour however this tour is not accessible for electric carts and similar as there is no storage available on Chinook or while on Friday Harbor. Of course your Frontier guides will be with you to assist with the boarding of the Chinook and during the tour.

The idea of private cruising on The Chinook is that we are not on a “set” schedule during our time in the San Juan Islands. We’ll be cruising looking for Whales, Dolphins and other wildlife, so the itinerary may be adjusted as we go.

Our accommodations in Friday Harbor will be at the Friday Harbor Suites. It’s a great location and easy walk to restaurants and shops. There are no elevators (most of our rooms are on the ground floor) and since we’re in the San Juan Islands, no air-conditioners in the rooms. The hotel also features the islands only complimentary shuttle service, buffet breakfast and an on-site Restaurant for a dinner option.

We request that you bring along a small overnight bag for our three days touring on the San Juan Islands. Dress code is casual & layers. Our coach remains in Bellingham during our San Juan days and the balance of your checked baggage will remain secured on the coach.

**Passports are not required** on this tour as we do not travel into Canadian waters.

We’ll have our usual assortment of snacks and beverages on board the coach during our travel days. Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide them during our three days of cruising the San Juan Islands.

Please feel free to contact us prior to booking if you have any questions or concerns regarding this tour. We did operate this similar itinerary in 2018 so we can answer most any question you might have, and if we can’t, our friends at the Viking Cruises will be able to!

### Tour Cost:

\$2385.00per person, double occupancy

\$487.00 additional single supplement

\$20 additional for guests of travel club members (includes membership)

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Deposit of \$300 per person due upon sign up. Final payment due July 6, 2020  
Visa, MasterCard & Discover accepted for deposit and/or final payment  
Please advise us at time of sign-up if you have any special dietary or physical restrictions!

Trip Cancellation Protection Plan is available for, and strongly recommended for, this tour through Frontier Travel at the rate of \$245 per person. Should you have to cancel prior or day of tour departure due to medical condition (Dr's verification required), you will be refunded for your entire tour cost. No additional coverage provided once tour departs. Please inquire if you would like information about Trip Cancellation/Interruption policy with medical coverage & baggage insurance.

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Prior to July 6, 2020

\$100 per room charge

July 7, 2020 to departure

no refunds unless space is resold from wait-list (\$100 fee assessed)

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