SAN JUAN ISLANDS Olympic peninsula & hood canal



A wild world of natural wonder. Explore islands, hike in rainforests and up mountains, paddle in Puget Sound waterways and the San Juan Islands, and watch for birds, orca, and other marine life.



DATES – Fridays

2022 - Apr 8, 15, 22, 29 | May 6, 13

ROUND TRIP: Seattle, WA

DURATION - 8 days/7 Nights

SHIP – Safari Quest

From - \$5,095 (Incl Port Charges \$200)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Olympic National Wilderness —UNESCO World Heritage Site, San Juan archipelago, and Deception Pass
- Hike in rainforest, old growth forest, and at Mt. Constitution
- 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

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 - SEATTLE, WASHINGTON – EMBARKATION

In a region renowned as a boaters' paradise, your discovery begins from Fishermen's Terminal. Set sail via the ship canal to Lakes Union and Washington—their glacially formed basins dug more than 12,000 years ago. After dinner, a sunset cruise through the historic Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and into Elliott Bay sets you right for the night. Seattle was founded along these shores and you don't want to miss the skyline!

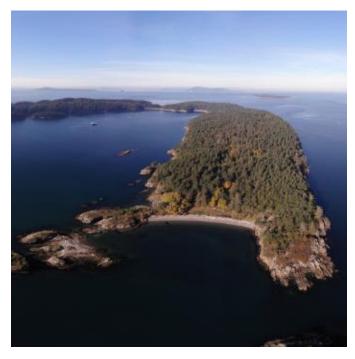
We recommend arriving at least one day early to avoid complications associated with air travel, such as delays.

DAY 2 - SOUTH PUGET SOUND

Mudflats, watersheds, and a microclimate feed the riches of the South Sound. Explore the intertidal zone by kicking in the mud with your guides looking for anemone and hermit crabs. Kayaking, hiking, and skiff rides are on tap, too—in one of the region's many state parks. At about 100 miles long, Puget Sound offers ample opportunity for observing the serpentine shore as you cruise through Tacoma Narrows and past Point Defiance, Vashon Island, and Bremerton. Cap off your first full day of play watching for Dall's porpoise, with a front-row view from the bow.

DAY 3 - San Juan Islands

Wake up surrounded by the wilds of the Salish Sea, a humbling 360 degrees of wilderness. It's the captain's choice where you'll land today, but rest assured, you'll be away from the crowds. There are unending options for investigating this sea-salty playground. If you're kayaking, keep your eyes peeled above and below the surface. Rocky outcroppings play host to harbor seals—and it's also orca territory. Ashore, it's one boot in front of the other, hike through the forest or "take the high road" to ridges overlooking the archipelago. Join your expedition team on deck to search for whales, seals, sea lions, and bird rookeries as you cruise through the myriad San Juans—no two islands are the same.



DAY 4 – DECEPTION PASS / STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA

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, perhaps even sail through the swirling waters of Deception Pass. Later in the day, keep watch for marine mammals as you venture into the open waters where the Strait of Juan de Fuca meets Puget Sound. Drop anchor for the evening in a tucked-away cove.



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. It's all up for grabs.

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 paddleboard, investigate bird rookeries, or search for whales in the Sea's rich emerald waters.

DAY 7 - HIKING OLYMPIC WILDERNESS

Olympic National Wilderness Hike (or snowshoe if the snow is still there!) in Olympic National Wilderness—a UNESCO World Heritage Site surrounded by rainforest, old-growth forest, and top of the world 360-degree views. This evening wrap it up with a Farewell Dinner and slide show highlighting your week's adventures.



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! Stay to see more of Seattle, or transfer to airport.

PRE- AND POST-CRUISE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUIT YOUR INTERESTS.

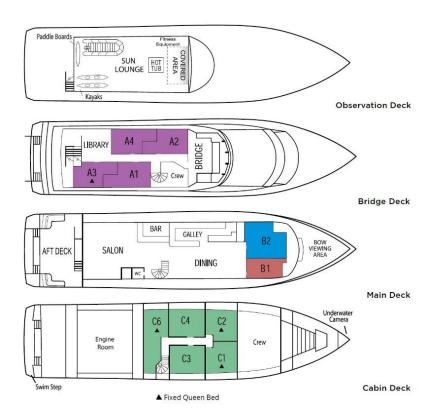


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CABIN CATEGORY	
NAVIGATOR	\$ 5,095
TRAILBLAZER	\$ 6,295
PATHFINDER	\$ 6,995
SINGLE	\$6,995

RATES INCLUDE:

Port Charge - \$200; Onboard meals; onboard spirits, wine, beer, nonalcoholic beverages; transfers and baggage handling between airport/hotel/vessel on embark/disembark days; entry fees to parks/preserves; all from-the-vessel activities and equipment; Wellness amenities: hot tub, fitness equipment, yoga mats.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; Gratuities to crew; Travel Insurance.







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