

**Itinerary for
San Juan Islands
On MV *Westward* or MV *Catalyst***

Itineraries are dependent on weather and tides and may change at the captain's discretion.

These voyages are 6-days and 5-nights in duration and feature the emerald jewels of the San Juan Archipelago. Consisting of 130 named islands scattered between the shore of mainland Washington state and the southern end of Vancouver Island British Columbia, they create a labyrinth of narrow passages through which we will meander.

Our voyages will begin and end in Bellingham, Washington, located 90 miles north of Seattle on the I-5 corridor. Bellingham is served by several airlines, but also allows those who are hesitant to fly to drive directly to the boat in their own vehicle. Trips will sail on Thursdays afternoons at 2:00 pm and include all meals until our return to Bellingham late Tuesday morning.

Our trips are focused on natural history, wildlife and photography, and over the years our vessels have introduced thousands of people to both the robust as well as the vulnerable aspects of wildness. We cultivate opportunities for new perspectives on life that few of our species will ever be granted, by sitting quietly in a verdant forest, or drifting along a serrated shoreline in a kayak.

When we combine these moments with good companionship and masterfully prepared, locally sourced and hand gathered foods, we pass the threshold leading to something truly extraordinary.

Each morning will begin with a walk or kayak paddle before we raise anchor and get underway. During our week together we will visit different fermentation artists according to the seasonal schedule of their establishment and sample the consummation of their talent and commitment. There are wonderful vintners, brewers, and distillers spread out across this vast archipelago.

Our palates will be exercised and educated by tasting these artisanal products and meeting some of their creators. Dinners will be multicourse and paired with the beverages we discovered along our voyage. After dinner we may retire to the salon for more conversation, a reading or presentation about local wildlife and history, or we may elect to remain on deck, absorbing a spectacular sunset as the sky turns from lavender to royal blue.

Our six days will pass quickly, but we will be left with memories of wildness, and with new friendships, both of which we will carry with us as we return to our homes.

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