



TRUMPETER INN BED & BREAKFAST

FRIDAY HARBOR, WASHINGTON

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If you have ever wanted to enjoy the thrilling and beautiful sight of the majestic orcas (nicknamed “killer whales”) feeding and playing in the cold blue ocean waters off the Pacific Northwest, then head to San Juan Island, Washington, via one of the Washington State Ferries. Every year from May through September the waters of Haro Strait on the island’s west side are home to about 90 orcas. In the summer, whale watching tours and flights leave regularly from the harbor of the picturesque town of Friday Harbor.

Lime Kiln Point State Park, nicknamed Whale Watch Park and only nine miles from Friday Harbor on West Side Road, offers opportunities galore to observe the resident orcas in their spyhopping (poking the head out of the water to look around) and tail flopping glory. Along with orcas, you are likely to see porpoises, sea lions, minke and gray whales playing in the

waters backdropped by the beauty of surrounding islands. Bird watching is also a favorite past time on the island with an abundance of bird species like the Tufted Puffin, Peregrine Falcon and Bald Eagle.

Downtown Friday Harbor is home to the Whale Museum. There you can see, for example, an explanation with diagrams of how whales use echolocation to navigate. Perhaps the most intriguing display is the genealogy of the Southern Resident Community of orcas. Orcas live in small, close-knit, life-long pods. The orcas of the San Juan Islands have been separated into pods J, K and L, (and even into sub pods) with birth dates and affiliations just like a human genealogy tree. Although orcas are often called “killer whales,” they are actually dolphins – the largest of the dolphins. (The name “killer whale” evolved from “whale killer,” which was originally given to the orcas by sailors who saw them attack and kill whales.) Another



nickname the orcas have acquired is “wolf of the sea” because of their ferociousness when feeding in the wild.

Just 1½ miles from the ferry landing at Friday Harbor is the beautiful five acre Trumpeter Inn. The Inn is designated as a Backyard Wild Bird Sanctuary for the myriad of colorful birds and Trumpeter swans that nest in the ponds and marshland surrounding the Inn. Come stroll among the flower-filled gardens and be greeted by views of the tranquil waters of False Bay and the magnificent snow-capped Olympic Mountains in the distance. Be charmed by the fish in the Inn’s trout pond and the cattle and horses grazing nearby, captivated at the site of foxes roaming in the grassy hillsides, and spellbound by the flight of the eagles and hawks that fly overhead.

Contemporary art, rich textured furnishings and fresh flowers abound in this six bedroom inn. Each room has lovely pastoral views, cozy down comforters, luxurious linens, Egyptian cotton towels, and plush guest robes. There are three queen-size suites and two king-size suites each with a fireplace and spacious private deck. A wheelchair accessible suite is also available with twin beds. Guests can enjoy a television room equipped with satellite, TV/VCR, and an extensive film library. An open kitchen for around-the-clock coffee or tea service and snacking on fresh baked sweets is available.

The inn’s private massage studio offers soothing and rejuvenating private massages and facials. Slip into the luxurious robes and slippers you’ll find in each room, enter the softly lit massage studio where you’ll be greeted by the sounds of soothing music and dancing candlelight, and begin your journey towards total wellness of your body and spirit. Following your massage, consider taking a long, restful nap or soaking in the warmth of the garden hot tub – you will truly believe you have reached the ultimate state of nirvana! Different types of massage, including Swedish and Hot Stone Massage, are offered at the inn by the islands’ most experienced licensed massage therapists.

Relatively new innkeepers, Cheryl and Larry Hoppe began operating the



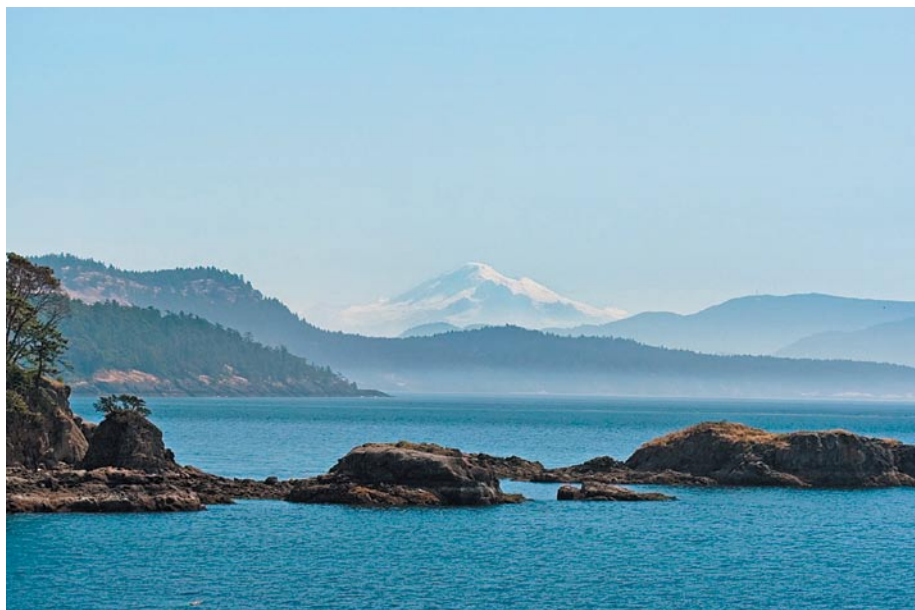
Trumpeter Inn on October 18th, 2005. Previous to purchasing the Trumpeter Inn, they lived in Spokane, Washington where Larry worked as a metallurgical engineer for Kaiser Aluminum. His career allowed them to live in or visit various locations throughout the world. All their traveling experiences influenced them as individuals and as innkeepers. “When we were traveling, we usually stayed in farm stays, guest houses, or bed and breakfasts so that we could learn more about

the customs, language and foods of the people in the countries we were visiting. We have made many mental notes of all the amenities that we really appreciated when traveling, and we are attempting to implement these, as well as our own ideas, at the Trumpeter Inn.

“We had been looking at inns on and off over the years when the Trumpeter Inn came along,” said Cheryl. The

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▲ The picturesque San Juan Islands



Trumpeter Inn Special Package: ONE DAY "EAGLES & ORCAS" KAYAK TOUR

The Trumpeter Inn B&B, in partnership with Outdoor Odysseys Kayak Tours, offers its guests the opportunity to enjoy an experience of a lifetime - kayaking in the beautiful waters of the San Juans. Each tour is led by professional kayak guides who are trained naturalists in the marine life that abounds along San Juan Island. Outdoor Odysseys launch from

the west side of the island at San Juan County Park and paddle to Lime Kiln or "Whale Watch Park" placing kayakers in the best place on the island for seeing Orcas, Dall porpoise, and other large marine mammals. Beginners welcome! Transportation provided.

Cost: \$75 per person, plus the cost of your room.

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Trumpeter Inn prides itself on offering an outstanding personalized concierge service offered to take care of every travel necessity including arranging travel to and from the island as well as complimentary shuttle service to and from the ferry dock or airport for visitors who do not bring a car to the island. Upon request the innkeepers will:

- Make arrangements for pet care at The Animal Inn (located just minutes away).
- Arrange on-island transportation such as renting cars, scooters, mopeds or bicycles.
- Make dining reservations at one of the superb local restaurants including The Place Bar & Grill, Duck Soup Inn, The Back Door Kitchen, and Vinny's.
- Reserve tickets for the San Juan Community Theatre, tee times at San Juan Golf & Country Club, or schedule workouts at the state of the art health club, San Juan Island Fitness.
- Arrange for in-room body massage and facials.
- Prepare box lunch picnics.
- Have flowers or champagne baskets ready for special occasions.
- Set up whale watching or kayaking excursions and boating charters.

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Trumpeter fit our needs very well, and we soon fell in love with it. It has separate owner's quarters and is situated on five acres which made it possible for our llama family to come with us."

Cheryl and Larry share innkeeping duties. Larry has good business sense and customer relations experience which he perfected in his various roles in the aluminum business. He is also the primary chef; oven baked pancakes and crepes are two of his specialties. Cheryl does the menu planning, table setting and decorating and prepares the complements to the breakfast (scones, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit plates, coffee cakes, etc). Together they each do a portion of the cleaning and gardening.

They have two sons who are married with two children each. "Our sons have been a great help with the inn," says Cheryl. "Eric, our older son who lives in La Center, Washington, has helped with some of the cooking, and is a great carpenter. His most recent contribution was a pair of beautiful Adirondack chairs!" Hans, the younger son, lives with his family in Amana, Iowa, and serves as the webmaster for the inn's web site.

When asked what she likes the most

about being an innkeeper, Cheryl said, "to be able to meet more of the world's nicest people. Each time we have had guests, this continues to be true. We chose San Juan Island for a number of reasons. I've always wanted to live close to the water, and we wanted to remain residents of Washington State. The Pacific Northwest is a very beautiful and peaceful place to live. As with any major life decision, timing was a significant factor; the inn came for sale at just the right time in our lives. Slowly, some of our personality and worldly experiences will be added to the inn's décor and ambiance. This, along with striving to give our guests the best possible experience, remains the fun part!"

Whether you want to bird watch, bike, hike, shop, kayak, go in search of orcas, or just sit by the shore and watch the sun sink into the Sound, you'll find that each night on San Juan Island is like a multi-course banquet! [BBA](#)

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AMENITIES & POLICIES



The Trumpeter Inn offers special packages including Spa services.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Trumpeter Inn is close to many great outdoor activities as well as downtown Friday Harbor attractions. Below are just a few of the most popular attractions on the island. See their website for a complete list.

- Roche Harbor
- American & British Camps
- The Whale Museum
- Cattle Point
- Lime Kiln State Park
- Whale Watch Park
- Westcott Bay Institute & Reserve

Outdoor Activities:

- Bicycling • Boating • Diving • Fishing
- Golfing • Hiking • Kayaking • Sailing
- Swimming • Whale watching • Visiting the parks



Friday Harbor, Washington
Average Weather Statistics

	AVG HIGH	AVG LOW	AVG PREC
JAN	41°	29°	4.6 in
FEB	46°	32°	3.8 in
MAR	50°	34°	3.3 in
APR	57°	38°	2.3 in
MAY	63°	44°	2.0 in
JUN	67°	50°	1.7 in
JUL	72°	52°	0.9 in
AUG	71°	52°	1.1 in
SEP	68°	47°	1.9 in
OCT	58°	41°	4.1 in
NOV	50°	35°	4.8 in
DEC	45°	33°	4.6 in