



DESTINATION - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

San Juan Islands

Yacht Charter Guide

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San Juan Islands Yacht Charter

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SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Overview

San Juan Islands is a focused Pacific Northwest charter stop - Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island nights, day-anchors like Roche Harbor, and shore tables held before you fly. The operational win is sequencing a short, high-quality loop rather than forcing the whole Pacific Northwest circuit.

San Juan Islands yacht charter 2026 - Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island. Luxury crewed yachts, berth strategy and honest APA from Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a San Juan Islands week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island.
- Local cadence: Morning toys, held lunch, short reposition around San Juan Islands, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Restaurants and clubs confirmed weeks out - not left to chance.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In San Juan Islands, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy around Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

San Juan Islands

Roche, Friday Harbor and orca waters.

Gulf Islands, BC

Canadian side quiet coves.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island

San Juan Islands iconic resort marina. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway SEA - Transfer Floatplane or ferry via Anacortes - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Roche Harbor

Primary north overnight.

Sucia Island

Park overnight - mooring buoys.

Prevost Harbor, Stuart

Quiet Canadian-border staging.

Montague Harbour

Galiano Gulf Islands classic.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants**Madrona Bar & Grill**

Roche Harbor

Marina dining at Roche.

Downriggers

Friday Harbor

Harbour plates in the county seat.

Duck Soup Inn

San Juan Island

Garden dinner inland.

Roche Harbor dining rooms

Roche Harbor

Island resort tables.

Friday Harbor waterfront

Friday Harbor

San Juan town night.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs**American Camp beaches**

San Juan Island

Park sand day - Pacific Northwest style.

Roche Harbor resort beach

Roche Harbor

Island lawn-and-shore day.

English Bay beaches

Vancouver

Vancouver sand lounging.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph SEA / YVR arrivals into Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops when San Juan Islands supports coastal helipads or GA strips into the Americas gateway. SEA corridor YVR corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island gates - timed to embarkation. To Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island Floatplane or ferry via Anacortes

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - SAN JUAN ISLANDS

VAT & APA - San Juan Islands short version.

On a San Juan Islands charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

US and Canadian sales/GST taxes apply depending on embarkation; cross-border US-Canada clears customs - plan CRA/ CBP paperwork.

APA

For Pacific Northwest in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

San Juan Islands

San Juan Islands is a core Pacific Northwest charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle - Day-anchor: Sucia Island - Table: Canlis

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

When is the best time for yacht charter in San Juan Islands?

Shoulder months usually balance weather, water and berth availability for San Juan Islands. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing at Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island.

Which marina should we embark from in San Juan Islands?

Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island is the primary embarkation for San Juan Islands, with anchorage fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

How far ahead should we book berths in San Juan Islands?

For peak season around San Juan Islands, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a San Juan Islands charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. For San Juan Islands we set an honest APA band before contract - not a vague percentage.

Can you arrange airport transfers into San Juan Islands?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from SEA / YVR, timed to the embarkation slot at Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island.

How does a San Juan Islands week use San Juan Islands?

San Juan Islands is a core San Juan Islands pocket - we sequence Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. San Juan Islands sits inside Pacific Northwest as a focused stop, not a duplicate of the country hub.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

San Juan Islands - Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island

High in peak season around San Juan Islands - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips. Event or festival weeks near San Juan Islands can multiply rates and eliminate availability. We hold Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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