

DRIVE OFF THE MAINLAND TO...

Whidbey & Camano Islands!

The transformation from mainland to island is not only physical, it's psychological. The pace is not only slower, it feels as if you've stepped back in time. The mild climate and close proximity to Seattle, make either island an easy getaway all year round.

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DAY ONE CAMANO ISLAND

Explore uncrowded beaches and winding forested trails. Dine on delicious food from local farms and the surrounding waters. Camano Island is known for its arts community and abundant wildlife, including Bald Eagles and whales. An added benefit is the island is easily accessible by bridge, 24 hours a day.

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DAY TWO WHIDBEY ISLAND

The dramatic beauty of Deception Pass State Bridge, makes it a memorable arrival to the island. Surrounded by snow capped mountains and pristine waters, the main road is appropriately named the Whidbey Scenic Isle Way and home to Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. Look for jets overhead from the Naval Air Station.

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DAY THREE WHIDBEY ISLAND

As you travel through serene farmland and small seaside villages, stop to enjoy authentic Northwest culture. Home to several state parks, the island offers easy ways to enjoy nature. On the southern end, ferries leave every 30 minutes, easily connecting the island with the mainland. The 20 minute crossing is a relaxing departure.



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Camano Island!



DAY ONE Named “the easy island,” Camano Island offers visitors a relaxed experience. The island is known for its Dungeness Crab, arts community, and unspoiled, natural beauty. To get there, drive 123 kilometers north of Sea-Tac International Airport on Interstate 5. Take exit 212 and go west through the town of Stanwood, over a bridge, and onto the island. The roads on the island create an uncomplicated driving loop.

1 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Stop here to pick up maps and to learn where to eat, where to stay, things to see and do along with the island’s many hidden treasures. Located in the Camano Plaza, the visitor center is near the IGA Grocery Store and the Chevron gas station. It is next door to a public golf course and Canopy Tours NW, a zipline, through an organic farm and forest, is across the street.

2 CAMANO ISLAND AND CAMA BEACH STATE PARKS

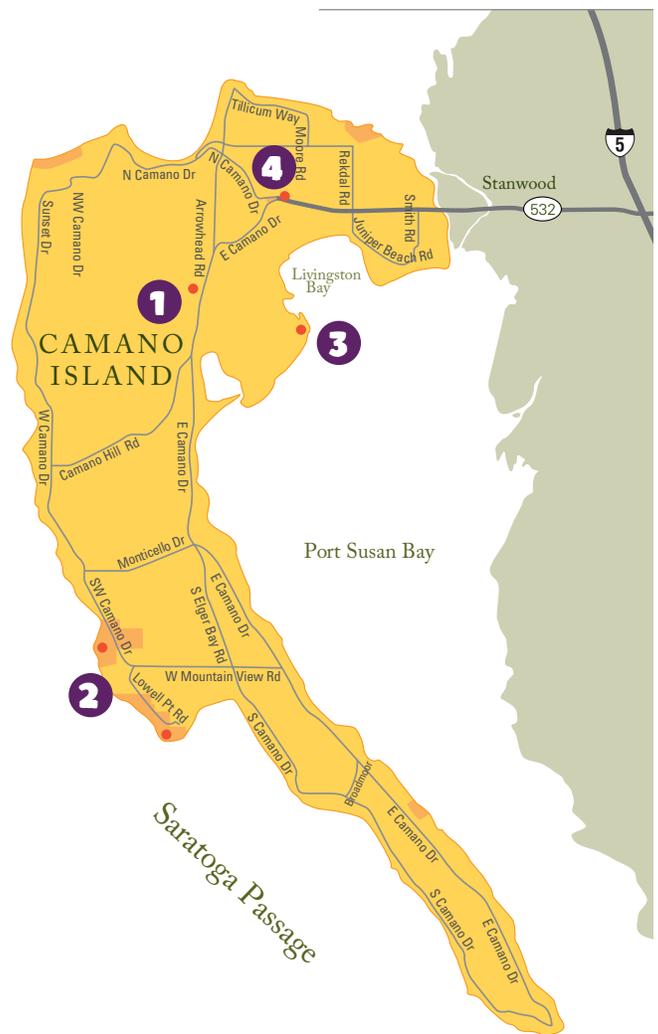
Two state parks are only a mile apart on Saratoga Passage where whales and Bald Eagles are commonly seen. Both have forested hiking trails, as well as relaxed beach walks and overnight camping in cabins. Depending on the season, Cama Beach features a small store and dining at the Cama Cafe. The Center for Wooden boats also often has boats for rent. Looking west, the beaches provide dramatic sunset views of Whidbey Island.

3 IVERSON SPIT WATERFRONT PRESERVE

Wander the beach and forest on these easy hiking trails. Explore the hidden “Hobbit” trail leading through a thicket of moss covered trees. Enjoy spectacular views of the Cascade Mountains, Mount Baker and Port Susan Bay. Over 125 different species of birds have been spotted here.

4 TERRY’S CORNER

Look for the giant crab sculpture to find the largest collection of shopping and dining venues. The Camano Island Marketplace is home to the Camano Island Coffee Roasters. Locally made works of art and products make this an ideal stop to purchase a unique gift to take home.



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DAY TWO Whidbey Island is 68 kilometers from Camano Island. Drive Highway 532 off Camano Island, through Stanwood. Travel north onto Interstate 5. Take exit 230 onto Highway 20, which puts you on the Cascade Loop. Turn left at the Whidbey Island Deception Pass exit and drive onto the island.

1 DECEPTION PASS BRIDGE

This is one of the most iconic images of the state and towers 55 meters above the swirling waters connecting Saratoga Passage with the Strait of Juan de Fuca. On both sides of the bridge are the rugged and lush forests, beaches and hiking trails of Deception Pass State Park. Explore the most popular park in the state of Washington. Watch for whales, seals, porpoises, Bald Eagles, shore birds and deer.

Note: As you approach Deception Pass Bridge, you may wish to pull over safely at one of the turn outs to take a photograph or to walk across the bridge.

2 OAK HARBOR

Home to the Naval Air Station, which has made a profound contribution to Whidbey Island's history and vitality. You may see and hear jets flying overhead. Take time to visit the PBY Naval History Museum on historic Pioneer Way. The town is filled with lodging, dining and shopping opportunities.

3 COUPEVILLE

The second oldest town in Washington State, be sure to take the board walk to the wharf along the waterfront. Stroll the streets filled with shops, restaurants, lodgings and a museum. The town is located within Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, over 7,000 hectares of beautiful farmland, it is part of the USA National Park system.

4 FORT CASEY STATE PARK

Admiralty Inlet was so strategic to the defense of Puget Sound in the 1890s, that Fort Casey was one of three forts built to protect it. Climb through bunkers and batteries, see cannons, as well as Admiralty Head Lighthouse. Situated next to the Coupeville ferry terminal, it is the gateway to the Olympic Peninsula.



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DAY THREE As you travel south on Whidbey Island you will reach the narrowest part of the island near Greenbank Farm. Continue on Highway 20, which is the Whidbey Scenic Isle Way and part of the Cascade Loop. Follow signage directing you to various points of interest including Meerkerk Gardens, Earth Sanctuary, art galleries, as well tasting rooms for wineries and distilleries.

1 FREELAND

This is an ideal stop for antique stores and thrift shops. Freeland is where many local islanders like to shop and eat. It is close to Double Bluff Beach, a favorite place for a beach walk and picnic, offering a great view of Mount Rainier.

2 BAYVIEW CORNER

The historic Bayview Cash Store anchors this shopping hub. Stop in for a cup of tea, glass of wine or pint of cider. Cafes, a pub, a donut shop and fine farm to table dining offer a variety of options.

3 LANGLEY

Famous for its art galleries, breweries, shops and eateries, this is a charming village by the sea. Check out the Langley Whale Center and ring the whale bell if you see one from the shore. This is an ideal location to take a guided kayak or whale watching tour. Upscale lodging and dining are abundant.

4 CLINTON

The town and surrounding area, is your final opportunity to visit local wineries, distilleries, shops and dining. Here you will drive onto the Clinton Ferry which crosses the water to Mukilteo every 30 minutes. Just get into line, no reservations are allowed. Mukilteo is home to the Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour, another recommended stop.

