

AFOOT AND AFLOAT IN THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS



photos: Art Wolfe, www.artwolfe.com

WARM SUMMER NIGHTS, expansive views, and tranquil coves provide the backdrop for this six-day exploration of Washington State's San Juan Islands. We will start our journey with a private afternoon tour of the Seattle Art Museum's Olympic Sculpture Park with park visionaries Seattle Art Museum director emeritus Mimi Gardner Gates and TPL Board of Directors member emeritus Martha Wyckoff. TPL acquired the land for this park, once an unsightly brown-field and now an innovative open space that showcases world-class art. Following our tour we will dine at a private home and enjoy an evening of images and conversation with world-renowned photographer, Art Wolfe.

The next morning, we board chartered seaplanes for a scenic 90-minute flight from Seattle to idyllic Orcas Island. There, we will spend two nights at the Inn at Ship Bay, an 11-room inn built around a 19th-century farmhouse one mile from the village of Eastsound.

We will hike to the summit of Turtleback Mountain, one of the San Juan Islands' most distinctive geographic features. The mountain was a landmark for Northern Straits Salish people as they traveled between villages and fishing grounds. We will picnic at the top and enjoy unparalleled views of the archipelago. In summer 2007, local residents, government agencies, conservation groups, and TPL rallied to save this island treasure from development. While on Orcas Island, we will

grab a paddle for a guided sea kayak trip to the Wasp Islands—where we will enjoy an idyllic picnic lunch. Those not inclined to kayak can ride in a small boat to the picnic.

Next we will head to Lopez Island where we will spend a day exploring rolling hills, bucolic countryside, and rugged coastal cliffs. Some of us will hop on a bike and cycle out to Shark Reef Sanctuary. Others will enjoy a hike with sculptor Tony Angell, who has sketched and observed the birdlife of the Northwest for more than five decades and will share island knowledge and lore.

Hikers and cyclists will meet for lunch at the beautiful home of TPL Board of Directors member Tom Reeve and his wife, Sally. Following lunch, we will walk to Iceberg Point, a Bureau of Land Management Area of Critical Concern, with some of this island's most spectacular landscapes. As we hike, we will scan the water for breaching orcas and harbor seals and look for soaring bald eagles overhead. At the end of the day, a private boat will transport us to San Juan Island for two nights at the Friday Harbor House, a luxury inn perched on bluffs overlooking Friday Harbor.

Our last morning, we will take a private wildlife cruise led by Jenny Atkinson, executive director of the Whale Museum, in Friday Harbor, scanning the water for pods of orcas. Following our cruise, we will stretch our legs with a guided hike at Lime Kiln Point State Park. This TPL-protected park on the west end of San Juan Island features a sculpted landscape, a historic lighthouse, and great spots to spy orcas. Our farewell reception and dinner will be hosted on the bluffs overlooking Puget Sound at the home of TPL supporters.



TRIP DETAILS

DATES: August 3–8, 2010
 DAYS/NIGHTS: 6/5
 MAX. GROUP SIZE: 16
 PRICE (PER PERSON):
 Double \$3,165 Single \$3,705
 HOSTS: Tom Reeve, TPL
 Board of Directors member,
 and Sally Reeve