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## SAN JUAN ISLANDS, WA: SEA KAYAK EXPEDITION FOR WOMEN

**2009: Custom dates only**

**Land Cost: \$999**

Wake up to brilliant sunrises and the fresh salt air of a San Juan Islands dawn. Spend the day paddling the blue-green waters of Puget Sound on the lookout for whales, seals, porpoises, eagles, loons and otter! On our weeklong kayaking journey, we paddle along rocky shorelines exploring quiet coves, dramatic headlands and forested inlets where only a kayak can go. The San Juan Islands lie in the protection of the Olympic Mountains' rain shadow and are a sea kayaker's mecca! This is an ideal trip to learn sea kayaking and navigational skills. No kayaking experience needed.

### **DAY 1**

Arrive in Seattle at Adventure Associates' office at 8 am for gear review. Transport with group via vehicle shuttle to our San Juan Island boat launch site. This day is full of useful instruction and interesting information as we begin our kayak journey, including: boat, chart, equipment and gear orientation, on and off-water paddling skills, and safety orientation. Early evening arrival at our beach campsite. Welcome banquet dinner. (D)

### **DAYS 2-5**

Each day we explore a new island shoreline with its secret coves, rocky headlines, shallow tidal areas and forested beaches. There are opportunities to visit an island preserve, hike to panoramic views, and have close viewing encounters with playful sea creatures and sea birds. Our paddling route, in part, will depend upon weather, tides, currents and the make-up of the group; we average 25 - 40 nautical miles over six days. Since we are a self-contained group, and we have quite a lot of traveling flexibility. Instruction will be offered in a variety of kayak handling and navigational skills throughout the course. (B, L, D)

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## DAY 6

Our final day of paddling returns us to our launch site. Transport back to Seattle - approximate arrival time between 4:00 - 6:00pm. (B, L)

**NOTE: Although we try to adhere to this itinerary, due to circumstances beyond our control (i.e. weather, permits, ferry schedules and travel delay) this schedule is subject to change.**

| Land Costs | Deposit | In-country Flights | 2009 Trip Dates   | Group Size | Difficulty           | Activities                  |
|------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| \$999      | \$200   | none               | Custom Dates only | 6-12       | No Experience Needed | Kayaking, Camping, Wildlife |

### A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully

**Included in your Trip Fee:** Transportation from Seattle to all activity locations and return trip to Seattle; guiding and kayak instruction; all meals from dinner day one through lunch day six; two person sea kayaks and paddling gear; Therm-a-Rest sleeping pad; group cook gear; camp gear (2-person tents); camp fees.

**Not Included in your Trip Fee:** Transportation and airport shuttle to Seattle; energy snacks for each day and lunch day one (please bring a brown bag lunch); sleeping bag and personal clothing and rain gear (a detailed list will be provided after we receive your registration); travel/evacuation/medical insurance; optional tips to our great guides. NOTE: Please utilize our experience and contact us with any questions regarding clothing and gear needs, pre/post trip lodging needs, pre/post trip Seattle city sight-seeing.

**Special Note:** Although we try to adhere to this itinerary, due to circumstances beyond our control (i.e. weather, permits, ferry schedules and travel delay) this schedule is subject to change.

**How Strenuous is this trip:** You do not need to be an experienced sea kayaker - all basic skills will be presented. Our itinerary allows for enough flexibility to accommodate a wide range of fitness levels. Our kayaks are top-of-the-line fiberglass Necky Tofino doubles - very stable, seaworthy and slick! You'll find our pace relaxing...excellent for learning! *This is a participatory trip, everyone will be involved with camp set-up, meal preparation, loading and carrying kayaks.*

**How is the food:** The food is excellent and healthy - primarily vegetarian! We serve lots of fresh fruit and veggies, cheeses, breads, some meats and fish, desserts and other assorted treats! If you have special dietary needs please inform us. We will work with you to satisfy those dietary needs or work out a means for you to supplement your diet.

**Transportation/Flight Arrangements:** If you need flight arrangements to Seattle, please contact Adventure Associates - we can assist with your travel arrangements. You will be responsible for getting to and from the AA office in West Seattle, transportation by group shuttle to the islands is provided.

**Trip & Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that travel insurance be purchased immediately following your registration. The insurance protects you and your money from late cancellations, accidents or illness in remote areas, emergency evacuation, loss of baggage, airline flight changes and other unexpected delays. The particular program we recommend (Access America) will cover "pre-existing" conditions if you purchase full coverage within fourteen (14) days following your registration. Information available upon request.

**How to Register:** If you have not downloaded an application form, please contact our office for a complete registration packet. Complete the application form and return it to our office along with the appropriate deposit. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation and final details about your pre-trip preparation. For immediate confirmation, you may charge your deposit to Visa, Master Card or American Express by phone.

**Payment Schedule:** We accept checks, Visa, Mastercard or American Express.  
\$200 deposit due at the time of registration (\$100 is non-refundable)  
Full payment due two months prior to departure

### Cancellation & Refund Policy

If you must cancel prior to departure, the following fee will be assessed based upon our receipt of your written cancellation request:

Days Prior to Departure (trip destination)  
90 or more ..... \$100  
60 to 89 ..... \$200  
45 to 59 ..... 50% fee

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1 to 44 ..... 100% fee

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip.

Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

Once a trip has been confirmed medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.



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