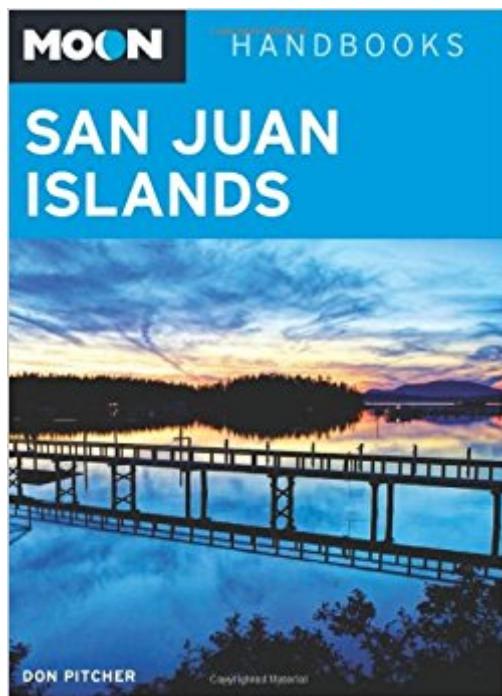


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# Moon San Juan Islands (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

Writer and photographer Don Pitcher introduces travelers to the best of the San Juan Islands, from their luxurious inns and upscale restaurants to their evergreen forests and rocky shorelines. Don is the essential tour guide to this popular getaway destination, providing itineraries such as Romantic San Juans, Camping with the Kids, and Exploring the Outer Islands. Complete with details on activities including whale-watching, kayaking, sailing, hiking, and diving, Moon San Juan Islands gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

Perhaps Don Pitcher's love of travel came about because he moved so much as a child; by age 15 he had lived in six states and two dozen East Coast and Midwestern towns. Don's family hails from Maine, but he was born in Atlanta, making him a southerner with New England blood. He moved west for college, receiving a master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, where his thesis examined wildfires in high elevation forests of Sequoia National Park. When his first (and only) scientific paper was published, he appeared headed into the world of ecological research. Don landed what seemed the coolest job on the planet shortly after grad school: being flown around Alaska's massive Wrangell-St. Elias National Park in a helicopter while conducting fire research. Wild places continued to beckon, and over the next fifteen years Don built backcountry trails, worked as a wilderness ranger, mapped grizzly habitat, and operated salmon weirs; anything to avoid an office job. After that first season in Alaska, he spent three months

in the South Pacific, and quickly found himself addicted to travel. His explorations eventually took him to thirty-five countries and all fifty states. Don is the author of Moon San Juan Islands, Moon Alaska, Moon Wyoming, and Moon Yellowstone & Grand Teton. He also produced three photographic books for Fodor's, served as editor for Best Places Alaska, and is a contributor to Tripomatic.com and other websites, as well as DK Travel books. Don's photos have appeared in a multitude of publications and advertisements, and his fine art prints are sold in many Alaska and Washington galleries. Don lives in Homer, Alaska with his wife, Karen Shemet, and their children, Aziza and Rio. When not busy on other projects, he also works as a wedding photographer and volunteer radio DJ. Visit [donpitcher.com](http://donpitcher.com) to read his blog and learn more about his writing and photography projects.

We used this guide for a recent, July 4th, camper trip to the San Juan Islands. It was very helpful. Gave a nice heads up on what to expect for camping reservations. It really saved us by knowing that we had to reserve weeks in advance. From park contact info we were able to get reservations at all the camps that we wanted and plan our trip our well. It was well worth the modest cost and a great guide to have all the info in one place. We stayed in campgrounds, rode our bikes and hiked some of the most beautiful forests I have ever seen. Just spectacular. A good guide book that I would recommend.

Bought the item for an upcoming trip to Lopez Island even though San Juan Island appears to be much more well-known. I was very pleased to discover over 20 pages devoted to Lopez Island (with equal detail provided for San Juan and Orcas Island). A separate section addresses the "other" San Juan Islands. Information provided is quite detailed regarding available activities and services on the larger islands like Lopez. The included maps are a real plus, e.g. maps of both the entire Lopez island and the Lopez Village store complex are provided. I'm very glad I took a "flyer" on this so-far-unreviewed book. An earlier version of this book by the same author was rated highly. This June 2012 edition deserves equal praise.

Perfect

This book is a must-have for anyone planning on visiting the San Juan Islands. Gives in-depth descriptions of the islands, activities, places to stay, etc. It has helped me plan my 2014 trip!

Good coverage of all of the major islands. Not evidence of bias. Highly recommend. Best of the books about the area.

We are planning a trip to the San Juan Islands in Sept so this book was very helpful. Maps included will help us become oriented to the island. Interest points to see will be helpful.

Ya!

Best book on the San Juan Islands out there.

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