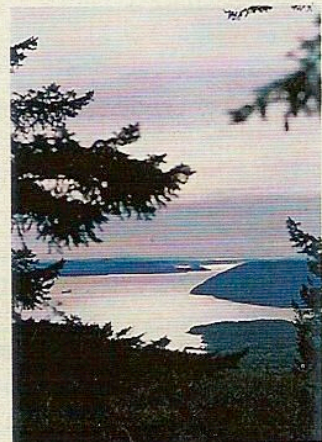


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## WINTER ESCAPES 10 PERFECT ISLAND GETAWAYS (No passport needed)

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**WELCOME TO ORCAS** A view of Puget Sound (above). Because of its sheltered setting, Orcas Island maintains a temperate climate year-round.

### 9 Quiet Time Orcas Island, Washington

The San Juan Islands sit just 80 miles from the Space Needle but receive only half the rain that Seattle does. In January, daytime highs average an autumnlike 45 degrees. Orcas, the largest of the San Juans, is a mysterious land of verdant valleys, hidden lakes, thick forests, and mountains, all of which can be explored by foot, bike, or car during the day, then contemplated in the evening while sitting by a cozy fire.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** January—when Orcas is half-shuttered—means solitude, which has rewards but also limitations. In February, many more establishments awaken.

**STOP IN:** The funky Café Olga (360-376-5098), in Olga, has wonderful sandwiches, salads, and blackberry pies.

**SLEEP:** The Kingfish Inn (\$100 and up; [www.kingfishinn.com](http://www.kingfishinn.com)) is a favorite of Seattle weekenders, who love its romantic rooms—and the huevos rancheros for breakfast.

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