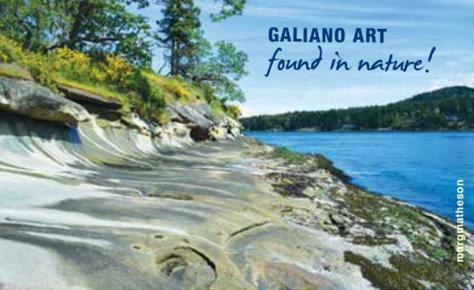




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WELCOME TO GALIANO ISLAND!

Come experience the natural beauty of a magnificent Canadian Gulf Island set in British Columbia's Salish Sea. Halfway between the British Columbia mainland and Vancouver Island, Galiano is perfectly situated as the first place travelers enjoy before exploring the other Gulf Islands and the West Coast.

AN ISLAND FOR ALL SEASONS

Galiano is truly a year-round destination. Winter, our 'secret season', is mild and gentle with the most hours of sunshine and least rain of any of the Gulf Islands. Spring is filled with the rich colours of wildflowers. Autumn brings a crispness and clarity to our waters and breath-taking hiking views. And of course, our summers are glorious – full of lazy beach days, local festivals, and busy shopping.

LAND AND HERITAGE

Galiano is 27.5 kms long and never more than 6 kms wide. Its history began with evidence of settlements over 3000 years old found in Montague Harbour. The waters off Galiano's shores as well as its forests provided the Coast Salish people with an abundance of food. An extensive midden, the beautiful shell beach in Montague Park, is evidence of their past presence. Now, land at the north end of the island belongs to the Penelakut First Nations. In 1792, the Spanish explorer, Captain Dionisio Alcalá Galiano, sailed our waters and drew up the first sea charts for the Gulf Islands. The island was named in his honour. Japanese settlers came to BC in the 1890s. Five large tear-shaped, rock-walled structures overlooking Active Pass and Georgeson Bay bear testimony to their time on Galiano. One of these charcoal pit kilns, restored in 2002, can be found in Bluff Park. (galianomuseum.ca)

ISLAND SERVICES

GALIANO HEALTH CARE CENTRE (908 Burrill Road; 250.539.3230) has a physician and nurse practitioner. For service details see galianohealth.org. We have two volunteer fire departments and an ambulance station with fully trained first responder personnel, and an emergency helicopter landing pad for access to Victoria area hospitals. You will now find Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) – early intervention devices – available for public use in many locations on Galiano. Along with CPR, an AED may improve the outcome in sudden cardiac arrest.

RCMP Police services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (250.539.2309). Emergencies: call 911.

ATM bank machines are in 3 locations: the Corner Store, Galiano Garage, and Hummingbird Pub.

FIRE DANGER Beginning in April, open burning is NOT permitted. Forests are tinder dry in the summer and the risk of fire is extremely HIGH. Please be aware of this very real danger during your stay.

RECYCLING Please use our Recycling Centre on Sturdies Bay Road. Open Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 2. For information on accepted items, visit girr.info. We have no landfill site, so please "pack out what you pack in".

THE THRIFT SHOP, operated by the members of the Anglican Church, is located at the Lions Park. Open Fridays and Saturdays. Happily, many gently used clothes and goods find new homes.

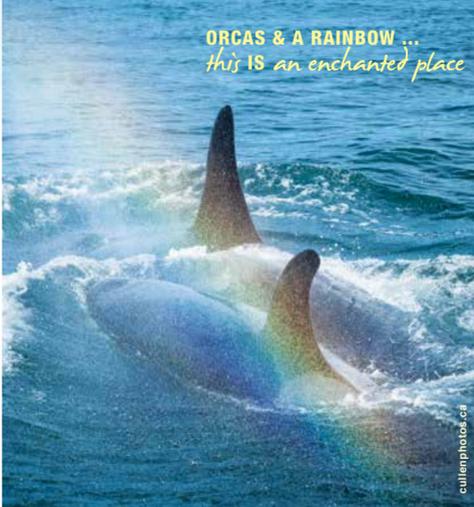
CHURCH SERVICES Galiano's heritage Anglican Church is located on Burrill Road. Church service information is available on the church signage and in the Active Page.

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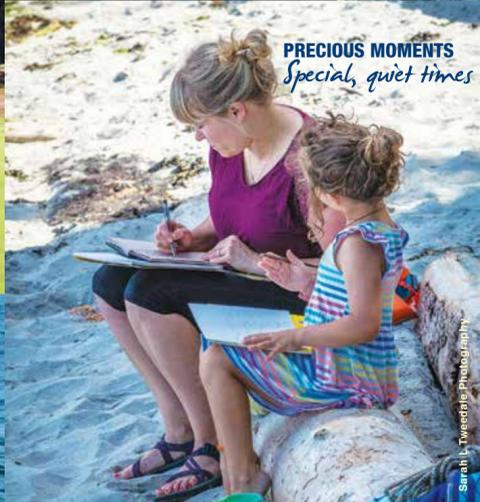
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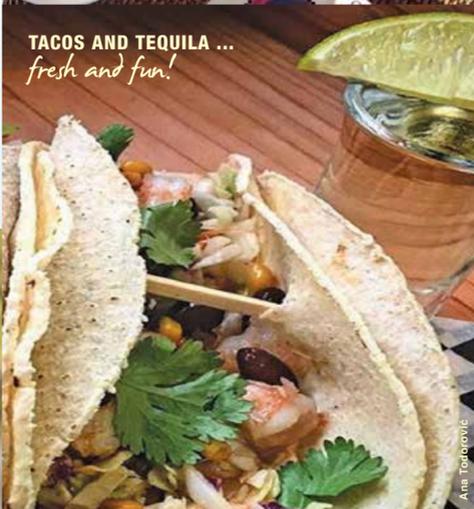
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on Galiano!

EXPERIENCE GALIANO

Immerse yourself fully in the Island experience. Galiano offers a wide variety of activities for every taste: you can cycle, hike, jog, golf, kayak, boat, beachcomb, and swim as well as visit galleries and craft stores that showcase our many talented local artists. Stressed? No need to be. Rejuvenate with a massage, take part in a yoga retreat, or pamper yourself at our spa. You can breathe here!

Galiano is also definitely a haven for the arts. Try the award winning Gulf Island Film & Television School, tour our artists' studios, or let world-class artists sponsored by the Galiano Concert Society entertain you. Creativity abounds on the Island: from the artists who produce paintings, pottery, ceramics, glassworks, jewellery, textiles, and woodworking to the photographers and writers who each reveal the magic of Galiano in their own craft.

GET OUT ON THE WATER!

An outstanding adventure awaits visitors who rent a boat or kayak or join a tour to cruise the waters. You will view sculpted sandstone shores as bald eagles, song birds, great blue herons, and waterfowl keep you company. River otters, Steller sea lions, and harbour seals often surface. Crystal clear shoreline waters, especially in winter, offer sightings of exquisitely coloured starfish as well as baby crabs and fish darting about.

If you enjoy the feel of a fishing rod in your hand, book a memorable salmon fishing excursion or try fishing from the shore. But if you prefer to hold a camera, take an exciting eco boat tour for the chance to see whales and sea lions. Staying on land? Passing pods of orcas are often spotted from Sturdies Bay, Bellhouse Provincial Park, or Bluff Park.



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FIND THE PERFECT PLACE TO STAY

Galiano has a wonderful variety of vacation opportunities – choose from bed and breakfast homes to cottages to resorts. Each offers its own individual and spectacular setting.

WEDDINGS, RETREATS, AND CELEBRATIONS

The Island provides an exceptional setting for weddings, family reunions, wellness retreats, and business seminars.

The serene and magnificent environment sets the stage for work groups and retreat participants needing to remove themselves from urban distractions; to relax, rejuvenate, and focus on tasks, all within an hour by ferry from Victoria or Vancouver or 15 minutes by seaplane.

Weddings held here are memorable and so easy with the beauty of the surroundings and the venues, quality of the food, and the convenient access to florists, photographers, wedding cakes, and gifts.

GALIANOITES ARE FOODIES!

When choosing to eat out, you'll find that Galiano has something for everyone – from fine dining to an ice cream parlour, bakery to café, open-air pizza to a classic pub or diner, espresso bar to take-out. Or make-your-own with delicacies from one of several local grocery stores.

You can shop year-round for everything from organic produce and deli treats to freshly baked breads and sweets. You will also have a selection of wines and micro-brewery beers to choose from. In summer, our local farmers supply the grocery stores, the restaurants and, especially popular with visitors and locals, our well-loved Saturday Market.

EXPLORE OUR FOREST TRAILS AND BEACHES

Galiano is a West Coast temperate rainforest – perfect for exploring. The Galiano Trails Society and the Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission (GIPRC) together create the beautiful hiking trails that take you through Douglas fir and cedar forests, stands of arbutus, and meadows of rare and endangered Garry Oak. For a bird's eye view, explore the trails along Bodega Ridge, the top of Mount Galiano or Bluff Park where you'll experience spectacular vistas.

Galiano is often described as the Gulf Island with the most beaches: sandstone, rock, sand, stone. Perfect places to sit back and soak up the sun, go for a welcomed swim, or partake in a favourite family pastime – beachcombing!

Hiking the forest trails or walking the shores is safe and friendly as there are no predatory animals on Galiano. Pick up the GIPRC's brochure for detailed descriptions of shore accesses and trails. Enjoy!

A GOLF COURSE FOR EVERYONE

Golf enthusiasts will find the Galiano Golf Club's 9-hole executive course challenging and well-maintained. Lush fairways, manicured greens, and unique sandstone tee markers distinguish "one of the prettiest golf courses in Canada". Affordable fees on a beautiful course.

A BIRDER'S PARADISE

Galiano is a major destination for birders and for the over 150 species of birds they come to enjoy! Located on major migration flight paths, prime spots for nesting are Active Pass, Montague Harbour Provincial Marine Park, Bluff Park, Bellhouse Provincial Park, Dionisio Point Provincial Park, and Bodega Ridge.

SHOP LOCAL!

When you travel, wherever you travel: shop local, eat local, enjoy local! Galiano has a myriad of shops, all owned by islanders: galleries, books, arts and crafts, groceries, and hardware. Whether shopping in the Village of Sturdies Bay, exploring shops up-island, or visiting artists in their forested studios, you will see something to please every taste.



You will discover unique works of art created by our very talented artists; perfect reminders of your time on Galiano. You will also find locally grown organic produce, vibrant seasonal flowers, handmade outdoor furniture, handcrafted candles, soaps, and beauty products. You can even buy locally roasted coffee. Don't miss our Saturday Market at the Lions Park! It's walking distance from the Village and ferry and runs from the May long weekend to Thanksgiving.

When you purchase a product or use a service, Galiano thanks you!

A FESTIVAL FOR EVERY SEASON

We love festivals on Galiano! And we find inspiration in the Island's bounty and surroundings. The Galiano Literary Festival hosted by our bookstore attracts book lovers in February while Nettlefest celebrates all things nettle in March. Summer brings Canada Day, Fiesta Day, Arts Weekend, and the International Wine Festival. In autumn, we enjoy Nature's harvest with the Blackberry Festival and Mushroomfest. Christmas craft fairs appear on the Island in November and December. Experience the vibrancy of Galiano in all these events. Check out galianoisland.com/event_calendar and the Active Page newspaper.



GETTING HERE (galianoisland.com/travel)

BY FERRY Galiano is your gateway to the Gulf Islands: the very first stop – just 1 hour from Tsawwassen terminal on the mainland. Reservations are highly recommended. Bay on the Victoria side. For ferry schedules, visit bcferries.com or call 1.888.223.3779.

BY FLOAT PLANE From Vancouver: seairtravel.com. (1.800.447.3247) and from Seattle: kenmoreair.com.

ONCE ON ISLAND Hire a moped (1.250.539.3443), use the Pub Bus between Montague Harbour and the Pub (1.250.539.5472) or rent a Smart Car (1.250.539.3389).

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