

*** When exploring, we recommend starting navigation while you're on wifi at your accommodations (before you leave). There are many areas of the island that don't get a signal.*

*** Always check restaurant hours in advance. Galiano population and tourism is very seasonal and weekend leaning. Many places close Monday - Wednesday (not ideal for our midweek production), for example.*

*** We created [a map with most of the locations below](#). Feel free to use!*

GROCERIES + ALCOHOL

Galiano Gas + Groceries

- You guessed it. You can fill up gas here too (as far as we know it's the only place on the island you can get gas).
- Right after you get off the ferry at Sturdies Bay
- Basic necessities, convenience food, and alcohol.

The Daystar Market

- Natural products, specialty groceries, organic produce, most necessities etc.
- This is where we shop
- If you are staying at one of the Bodega Properties (or anywhere on the north end of the island) we recommend getting your groceries on the way from the ferry to your accommodations. It's right on the way.

The Corner Store

- Convenience store, snacks, packaged groceries, and alcohol.
- Across the road from The Market

Farm Stands

- There are farm stands throughout the island where you can find fresh produce and eggs.

[The Captain](#)

- If you're interested in ordering some delicious seafood, Captain Thomas and his wife, Henny, are truly the best. Their smoked tuna is amazing.
- It's a little different every summer but last year we emailed requests in advance galianoseafood@gmail.com

The Pink Geranium / Pinky's

- Set to open this month but we aren't counting on it
- Will be a breakfast and lunch spot with espresso and a selection of *groceries* and beverages.

RESTAURANTS + BARS

Oxeye

- Our favorite brunch/coffee / baked goods
- Up the road from Sturdies Bay terminal so great for grabbing something before or after the ferry

Wild1 Cookhouse

- If you're staying a few days we encourage you to try to eat here! It's a charming experience and truly delicious Thai food.
- Beside The Market
- Odd and unpredictable hours depending on the time of year, check before going

The Crane & Robin

- Great local and quality food. Restaurant w a little gift shop. **OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!**

Pilgrimme / Charmer Pizza

- Sadly, one of the best restaurants is on hiatus BUT they will be hosting random pop-ups and events throughout the summer so we are hoping one lines up with wedding week. No news yet.

The Hummingbird Pub

- A famous Galiano institution. Classic pub, sassy service, and a school bus that will also be shuttling our wedding.

Galiano Bakery

- Classic, no frills, GREAT sausage rolls if that's your thing
- Right off the ferry terminal as well

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***There are likely new places that have popped up since last summer, let us know what you find!*

BEACHES + HIKES (many are both)

***Beaches change so much with the tide. [Check](#) before you go as you may show up to no beach at all.*

*** The north/west side of the island has noticeably warmer water than the south/east*

Morning Beach

- A sweet little walk through the forest to reach this beach that's got the good morning sunshine.

Pebble Beach

- A moderate but beautiful walk to this secluded beach.

Matthews Point

- Moderate walk-in but quite steep getting down and back up to the actual beach. There are ropes to grab onto for support.
- At times there are strong currents at this particular beach due to the channel. I'm not sure if it's related to the high or low tide but we have been there when the swimming is great, other times the current seems dangerous. Stunning beach w sand but something to keep in mind, especially with kids.

Montague Beach

- White shell beach, beautiful turquoise water
- Beach leads to a very charming and easy hike around the peninsula

Unnamed Beach Near Bodega Ridge / Cove

- Very rocky but we swim off the rocks
- Bring water shoes or sandals
- Great exploring at low tide (especially for kiddos)
- We have swum at night w bioluminescence multiple times here. Highly recommend. Completely dark so bring a flashlight. At your own risk. Invite us!

Dionisio Park

- A longer hike in but worth it
- You have to hike through private land, we always leave a donation but sometimes there are conflicting messages re whether it is open or closed.
- At your own risk but if you have the time, Dionisio beaches are beautiful and the walk-in is magic.
- In one area there is a split so on one side of the beach is cold water swimming and on the other warm water.
- You can walk here from Bodega Ridge but expect to be gone minimum 3-4 hours.
- You can drive up closer to the trailhead to make the trip shorter
- OK for most levels, one part w moderate incline on the way back

Bodega Ridge Trail

- Great trail along the ridge, stunning views
- A steep edge/drop at the top of the trail so we keep in mind w little kids or dogs that aren't used to mountains and cliffs

Tapovan Sri Chinmoy Peace Park

- Such a special and unique hike

- Very steep, lots of stairs.
- Lots of interesting spiritual quotes and plaques along the way, and a meditation sanctuary at the top

Bluff's Park

- Easy hike/walk, beautiful views
- Sunset

We know there are more beaches and hikes that we have yet to discover, please let us know if you find any good ones!

Other:

There is a great bookstore beside the Galiano Bakery on Madrona Drive

There is a spa (book early as they staff as needed) at the Galiano Inn and Spa on Madrona Drive

There is a cute farmer's market every Saturday (for those arriving early or staying longer).

There is a wacky golf course that's a lot of fun