



FROMMER'S REVIEW

Galiano Oceanfront Inn & Spa

Very Highly Recommended

Formerly the Galiano Lodge and one of the original accommodations on Galiano Island, the inn -- with an unrestricted vista onto the harbor, the busy boat traffic on Active Passage, and the lighthouse on Mayne Island -- is now a top destination in the Gulf Islands. Unique in the islands, the Galiano Inn is just a 5-minute stroll from the ferry dock, so guests can leave the car on the mainland. Galiano Inn also offers some of the largest and most comfortable rooms on the island. Each of the very plush rooms has a fireplace, a patio or balcony with stunning water views, and extras such as bathrobes and CD players. Some king rooms have jacuzzi tubs, while others have soaker tubs; all bathrooms have glass-walled shower stalls. Another 10 executive suites are planned.... The Atrevida restaurant, with notable regional cuisine, is in a separate, even more stunning building filled with Northwest Native art; Madrona del Mar Spa, a complete beauty and wellness center, shares the waterfront building. A large garden courtyard with a fountain greets guests, while a new garden addition includes a koi pond, herb and vegetable beds for the restaurant, and outdoor treatment areas for the spa; a path leads to a small sandy beach.

Facilities: Restaurant (Atrevida); lounge; golf course nearby; spa; outdoor hot tub; kayaking/boat rentals nearby; tour/activities desk; courtesy limo; business center; British Columbia wine and gourmet shop; room service; laundry service; gardens;