

island charm



# Buy me an island

While Trump Island's name puts it in the spotlight, it's actually a discreet family-friendly hideaway, says *Sophia Wilson* 



ou've heard of Trump Tower, Trump Plaza and Trump Hotels but chances are you have

never heard of Trump Island. That is probably because President Trump has never actually stepped foot on, or had anything to do with, this forest-cloaked, 29.4 acre estate in Washington State's San Juan archipelago.

While there's no connection, the inauguration of the 45th President did reportedly coincide with a price rise for this island, which sits



between the islands of Decatur and Lopez – less than a 45-minute flight from Seattle.

At the heart of the private estate sits a contemporary, ranch style, six bedroom family property. Designed by Seattle architect Rees Hudacek and built in 2000, it combines indoor and outdoor living with multiple sliding glass doors leading to patios and decks to take in the 360 degree ocean views. The home is centered around a communal room with separate wings reaching out to the master bedroom, guest rooms and children's area with nanny quarters.

The island is self-sufficient with power provided by two 45kW generators and solar panels, and it has its own water collection and purification system. The off-thegrid residence also has an 80,000 gallon pond, vegetable gardens and fruit trees. Perfectly set up for yacht owners, it has a deep water dock measuring 60 x 80ft, which is approved for seaplanes.

## **FACT FILE**

**Location:** 48°30'16.9"N 122°50'15.0"W

Price: \$8.75m

**Agent:** Windermere Real Estate, windermere.com

**USP:** A ready-made family home in the sought-after San Juan Islands

**Celebrity neighbor:** Bill Gates owns a secluded home on nearby Shaw Island **Robinson Crusoe factor:** 3/10 BEST LUXURY SPAS IN THE AMERICAS boatint.com/ americas-spas



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## **Nantucket**

#### > WHERE IS IT?

The White Elephant Hotel is as much a landmark as its neighbor, America's second oldest lighthouse Brant Point, and has been a feature of Nantucket's waterfront since the

1920s. Making the most of its coastal setting, its spa opens on to the hotel's lawn, with views across the historic harbor.

### > WHAT TO HAVE

To ensure you fully switch on to island time, opt for the Main Street massage. A nod to the uneven cobblestones that pave the town's boutique-lined center, the treatment uses warmed basalt rocks to create deep relaxation and help remove cellular waste from tissue. With 45 minutes dedicated to each side, the combination of warming stones and rhythmic massage will leave you soothed. All you have to do afterwards is saunter down the hallway to the library for the complimentary port and cheese.

#### > WHAT'S THE HYPE?

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the 240-slip Nantucket Boat Basin, which sits in the port that was the whaling capital of the world in the 1700s. There is a series of special events and discounts on offer to celebrate the golden anniversary of the marina, which is owned by Nantucket Island Resorts.

#### > BEST BY BOAT

Yachts up to 250ft can navigate the tricky turn around the lighthouse to moor in Nantucket Boat Basin. From there you can take a tender to one of the hotel's slips, or for an authentic island experience, it's a scenic five-minute bike ride from your dock. nantucketislandresorts.com