St. John the Baptist Church of San Juan

Built 1931

Patron St. John the Baptist

Feast Day June 24th

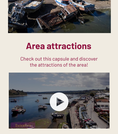
The Church

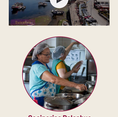
The location of the St. John the Baptist Church in San Juan is striking, **situated very close to the shoreline at high tide.** Local lore attributes this to the earthquake and subsequent tsunami of 1960, when the sea level rose and eroded the land. Fortunately, the church was not damaged. However, the adjacent cemetery was completely submerged, and the patron saint's wooden statue, St. John the Baptist, fell and was cracked.

Next to the church is a shipyard that keeps the traditional Chilote maritime carpentry alive. Hanging from the church's roof are miniatures of Chilote boats, left as an offering by a community member, alluding to this craft.

During the latest restorations, **human remains were discovered beneath the church**, suggesting the presence of an ancient cemetery at the site. The bones were placed in a box and later returned beneath the church.

With pride, the San Juan community claims that their church houses **the largest number of saints in the entire archipelago.**





Area attractions

Check out this capsule and discover the attractions of the area!

Cocineria Dalcahue

34,8 km From the church

39 min By car

Traditional market in Chiloe where local flavor comes alive. A feast of seafood, typical dishes, and crafts.

Feria Artesanal Dalcahue

34,8 km From the church

39 min By car

This meeting point in Chiloé celebrates local culture through its crafts.

Dalcahue

34,1 km From the church

35 min By car

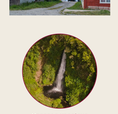
Cultural heart of Chiloé, blending crafts, cuisine, and legends. Natural and historical charm at every step.

Tenaún

17,3 km From the church

23 min By car

This place in Chiloé distills history and serenity, surrounded by nature. Ideal for those looking to connect with traditions.



Cascada Tocoihue

10,4 km From the church

17 min By car

Natural spectacle in Chiloé, where water falls majestically among green forests. A magical place for adventurers.

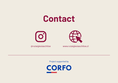
San Juan

26 mts From the church

1 min By walking

San Juan, where the art of shipbuilding comes alive. Its historic church, black-necked swans, and the town's warmth envelop you.

The Churches Route



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