

## GALÁPAGOS TRAVEL INFORMATION

For the trip to Galapagos Island you must present:

- Complete vaccination card with minimum 14 days of validity. and.
- Negative result of a qualitative real-time RT-PCR test for Covid-19, performed at least 72 hours prior to boarding the flight.

Children between 2 and 16 years of age must present:

- The negative result of a qualitative real-time RT-PCR real-time Covid-19 qualitative test performed no more than 72 hours prior to flight boarding.

**At the Quito / Guayaquil airports,** prior to checking in with your airline, you must:

Step 1: Register at the Galapagos Government Council Office to obtain your Transit Control Card (TCT), which you must keep until your departure from the archipelago (maximum 3 months of stay). The cost of the TCT is \$20 (USD). This card has been implemented as an additional measure to control migration to the Galapagos Archipelago.

Step 2: Check your luggage in the agro-quality room, to avoid unintentional introduction of invasive species that threaten the biodiversity of the islands.

To enter the Galapagos National Park, a fee must be paid, the amount of which depends on the nationality, residence and age of the visitor:

- Foreign Tourists: \$ 100 per person
- Foreign tourists under 12 years of age: \$ 50 per person
- Foreign tourists from Andean Community and Mercosur countries: \$ 50 per person.
- Foreign tourists from Andean Community and Mercosur countries under 12 years old: \$ 25 per person.
- Ecuadorian and Foreign Tourists Resident in Ecuador: \$ 6 per person
- Ecuadorian and Foreign Tourists Resident in Ecuador Under 12 years old: \$ 3 per person

MERCOSUR member states: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela CAN  
(Andean Community) member states: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru.

### **Observations:**

The indicated values are expressed in U.S. dollars and must be paid in cash upon arrival at the Galapagos airport.

Passengers must present their respective identification (passport / identity card).

Here are some tips that will make your visit to the islands more pleasant:

### **LUGGAGE**

You can carry up to a maximum of 20 kg (44 pounds) in luggage (one suitcase) on flights to or from the Galapagos Islands. However, you may carry small bags, cases or cameras or video cameras in your hand.

### **WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHING TO WEAR?**

On trips to Galapagos you can dress casually or informally.

It is advisable to wear comfortable sneakers, shorts, light long and short-sleeved shirts, swimsuits for the pool and the sea, a hat or cap, pants and a light jacket for the evenings.

Be sure to bring sunscreen (SPF 30), sunglasses or sunglasses and plenty of film or memory in your digital camera.

### **SHOES**

Most of the hikes in Galapagos are over lava terrain so a good pair of sports shoes with rubber soles are recommended.

To make your walk on gravel or sand more comfortable, socks are recommended.

### **THE WEATHER**

The Galapagos Islands are located on the Equator. However, the tropical heat is tempered by the Pacific breezes and these by the South Equatorial current.

There are two climatic seasons in the Islands:

1) The Hot Season from December to May where humidity is high and the average temperature is around 26 to 30 degrees Celsius. There may be occasional showers, but the days are generally warm and sunny.

2) The Dry Season is from June to November, cool winds can be felt that occasionally bring with them a light fog called garúa.

The temperature at this time is around 20 to 24 degrees Celsius during the day and cools down at nightfall.

### **SUN PROTECTION**

Because the Equator is located on the Equator, the sun's rays fall directly on the equator. People with sensitive skin should wear sunscreen at all times, even on cloudy days, as UV rays penetrate the clouds.

### **ELECTRIC CURRENT**

The electric current in Galapagos is 110/AC. So you can bring any electrical appliances you may need during your visit.

### **LOCAL TIME**

GMT minus 6 hours in the Galapagos Islands. GMT minus 5 hours in Ecuador.

### **LIST OF ITEMS TO TAKE WITH YOU ON YOUR TRIPS TO GALAPAGOS**

- Small backpack or duffel bag (waterproof)
- Comfortable shoes
- Shorts
- Pants
- Short and long sleeve T-shirts
- Light jacket
- Bathing suit
- Socks
- Underwear
- Hat or cap
- Biodegradable shampoo
- Sun block
- Snorkeling equipment
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars
- Camera and video camera
- Your medications (if you are taking any special medication)

We recommend that all our guests purchase travel insurance. As Galapagos is a remote island this insurance should include medical evacuation insurance.

If you have any questions regarding any of these points, please do not hesitate to write to us, we will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to hear from you soon.

[Information of interest for the arrival to the islands - Galapagos National Park Directorate](http://galapagos.gob.ec)  
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