

# Galapagos



## PACKING LIST

### GALAPAGOS FLIGHTS

For all flights to the Galapagos, you are allowed to take one checked bag of **up to 50 pounds** (23kg) and **a carry-on of up to 22 pounds** (10kg). You may also take a small personal item, such as a purse or small bag. \*These specifics may be subject to change at any time without prior notice.

### MUST-HAVES

- ☐ **Passport** and one printed copy to be kept separately.
- ☐ **Travel insurance.** It is not mandatory to enter Ecuador, but it can come in handy.
- ☐ **Health insurance** information, again it is not mandatory but you should have it in case of an emergency.
- ☐ **Credit or debit cards.** It is important to let your bank know that you will be traveling internationally and the locations you will visit. This way you have no issues using them while traveling.
- ☐ **Personal medications.** This is so important to remember so that you can feel your best to experience the amazing highlights of your trip!
- ☐ **Cash in US dollars.** When making small purchases or tipping, it is widely accepted in cash. It is also best to have small denominations. Many small stores or smaller local restaurants will not accept bills of higher value because they will be unable to make change.

### BASIC ESSENTIALS

The sun, volcanic landscape, and rough terrain, along with strong sea breezes and tropical rain can create a complex weather pattern that most weather apps are not going to pick up on! Therefore, take our advice and plan on packing the following to be the most comfortable during your trip.

- ☐ **Sunblock** - Sunblock is a must as this paradise is surrounded by water, reflecting the strong sun that is so close to the equatorial line. A **waterproof brand with SPF of 50 or above** is recommended.
- ☐ **Wide-brimmed Hat or Sports Cap** - A hat will come in handy to protect your face and neck from the strong rays of the sun. Buffs or bandanas are also great to use in multiple ways.
- ☐ **Insect repellent - EPI pens** - As tropical as the Galapagos can be, there are still mosquitos and wasps. If you are allergic to stings, please take along your first aid essentials in case of an allergic reaction.
- ☐ **Toiletries** - Easy to forget, but absolutely essential! Pack your toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrushes, face cream, makeup, lip balms and any other toiletry products you find necessary.
- ☐ **Sunglasses** - Being surrounded by so much water also means that the sun will reflect strongly. Sunglasses will protect your eyes. If you have polarized sunglasses this is even better so you can see the aquatic wildlife better with no glares on the surface. If you have a neckstrap for your sunglasses, even better so there is no chance to lose them in the Galapagos waters!



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### ESSENTIAL APPAREL AND GARMENTS

It is best to have clothing that is not brightly colored for any visitor sites as it attracts wasps and other insects. Light colored clothing in white, beige, light brown, and light green and blue are best. Avoid dark colors to avoid the heat.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks for hiking and for casual wear            | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suits - at least 2          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windbreaker jacket                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Light-weight long-sleeve shirts     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergarments                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Short-sleeve T-shirts               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual dress clothes: dresses or skirts, shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shorts or light-weight pants |

### ESSENTIAL FOOTWEAR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Close-toed sandals for activities in and out of the water | <input type="checkbox"/> Light weight shoes or boots for hiking activities on land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual dress shoes for casual wear                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-slip sandals or boat shoes for cruises               |

### ESSENTIAL GEAR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small day back for daily visits               | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera, GoPro and respective chargers                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry bag for electronics to protect from water | <input type="checkbox"/> Appliance adapters if needed (outlets are US-style - 110V)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized snorkeling gear if you have prescription goggles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking sticks if you prefer your own         | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries or memory cards for photographers            |

### THINGS YOU CANNOT PACK TO GALAPAGOS

The Galapagos Islands are a **National Park that is highly protected** in order to **maintain and conserve the fragile ecosystems** and endemic species of flora and fauna that inhabit the archipelago.

It is prohibited to bring with you to the islands or between the islands any foreign organisms, such as **living things, seeds, plants, or insects**. Because of its unique vegetation, fauna, and landscape, each island in the Galapagos Islands is a distinctive location. Even from distant islands, the introduction of any form of exotic organisms can result in severe issues. It is very important **to NOT bring** any of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Any type of animal or object of wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Unprocessed food such as vegetables or fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Any agricultural or plant materials including seeds |
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