



BIKING • SEA KAYAKING • HIKING • WILDLIFE TOURS

PACKING LIST FOR GALAPAGOS TOURS

Dress in the Galapagos is casual and comfortable. The Galapagos Islands are located on the Equator and the climate is sub-tropical. The average temperatures in the Galapagos range from 68 - 85 degrees with a possibility of some rain and cool breeze.

We recommend you pack in a soft-sided suitcase or duffel as storage space is limited on board.

CLOTHING

Long pants that are lightweight, nylon zip off pants, shorts, short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts, Polo shirts, lightweight cotton shirts, windbreaker or lightweight waterproof rain jacket with hood, sweatshirt (July to Oct only).

SHOES

Walking shoes or light hiking boots, rubber soled (boat shoes) or flip flops, sport sandals with a Velcro strap (Teva's)

OTHER ITEMS

Wide brimmed hat, bandana, two bathing suits, sunscreen (biodegradable preferred), lip balm, sunglasses with UV filter and strap, small backpack, water bottle, camera with waterproof bag, small binoculars, underwater camera, earplugs, toiletries, motion sickness medication.

Hair dryers, beach towels, walking sticks, biodegradable soap and shampoo are provided and therefore it is not necessary that you bring these items.

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CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS:

PASSPORT! Please make sure that it DOES NOT EXPIRE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE COMPLETION OF YOUR TOUR! Make a copy of the photo page and carry it separate from your passport. This will make replacing your passport much easier if it gets lost or stolen.

brimmed hat or baseball cap (for sun protection)

t-shirts

long-sleeved shirt (light color/weight, for sun protection)

swimsuit

underwear

shorts

tennis shoes or good walking shoes for day hiking

socks

Teva-style sports sandals or stretch nylon "water shoes" that will allow you to step in the water

polypro t-neck and long johns (synthetic, quick drying, great for warmth when snorkeling)

long pants (light cotton for sun protection/night time wear)

sweatshirt, sweater or pile shirt

rain suit/wind suit

toilet kit

ear plugs (boat motor can be heard at night as we travel to our next island)

personal first aid kit (medicines, tampons, aspirin, Band-Aids, athletic tape, etc.)

medication for sea sickness (Dramamine or ear patches)

sun & lip screen (waterproof, SPF 15 minimum)

skin lotion

canteen or water bottle (1 qt.)

small day pack (for hikes)

OPTIONAL:

binoculars, book, journal

mask, fins, snorkel and mesh carry bag (there is equipment available on our boat, but some folks prefer to bring their own equipment to insure a comfortable fit)

wetsuit (2 - 3 mm for snorkeling - average water temperature is 74 degrees.) These are available on the boat.

earplugs. These help when sleeping in foreign hotels, which are often noisier than what we are used to.

ADDITIONAL PACKING INFORMATION

Use a small duffel for clothes and use your daypack as a carry on for essential items. In case of a baggage delay/loss you'll have your essentials. Keep it compact and containerized to avoid loose items that may get lost.

Packing Hint #1: Ziploc plastic bags are lightweight, inexpensive, non-bulky and see-through. They are indispensable for combining and packing numerous items like books, toilet kits, cameras, cosmetics, passport etc.

Packing Hint #2: Travel-size "samples" save space and weight! Visit the "samples section" of your drugstore or supermarket and see if your favorite shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, toothpaste and deodorant is available in sample sizes. If not, transfer some to smaller plastic bottles that can be purchased in the size you need.

Packing Hint #3: Think multiple use garments. Convertible pants with zip off legs save bringing an extra pair of pants. Be creative and keep your luggage light!