



## Travel Documents

You definitely do not want to forget your passport (and visa, if it is required). **Your passport must be valid for at least six months after your return.** You should also bring a **color copy of your passport** to carry with you at all times. Check with your Ecuadorian embassy for questions regarding visas, passports, and other travel documents.



## Essential Gear

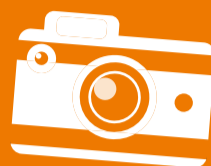
Below you will find information about the recommended clothing gear so you can be prepared for any circumstances while in the Galapagos Islands.

- **Lightweight**, breathable waterproof, not water resistant, rain jacket with hood.
- **Warm fleece** for cooler nights on the boat and while in Quito.
- **Tennis shoes or lightweight hikers.** Although some people are completely comfortable with tennis shoes at all times, light-weight hiking shoes with good ankle support can be useful on the islands when walking over lava rocks. Tennis shoes, flip flops, or other appropriate soft-sole shoes are preferred while on board the boats. You may be asked not to wear shoes inside the cabins.
- **Sport sandals** (i.e. tevas, Chacos, etc.).
- **Water-resistant** sport sandals are highly recommended getting in or out of the skiffs during wet landings. You must not go barefoot while wading in the water, as the sharp coral can cut like glass. Flip flops are NOT recommended.
- **Small water-resistant daypack** to carry camera gear and other equipment during island walks.
- **Sun hat** (with brim for protection). Make sure that you have something to secure your hat when it is windy. You do not want it to get blown overboard during your trip.
- **Binoculars.**



## Clothing

- **Comfortable** lightweight pants.
- **Nylon, zip-off pants;** useful for warm days and cooler mornings and nights on the boat.
- **Long-sleeved shirts.**
- **Short-sleeved T-shirts** you may also want to bring an extra T-shirt to wear while snorkeling if you sunburn easily.
- **Pairs of shorts** (you may not need them if you are bringing zip-off pants).
- **Swimsuits** (for daily snorkeling excursions), it's advisable to bring more than one as they won't get dry easily because of humidity.



## Cameras

The beauty of the Galapagos Islands and the abundance of wildlife will have you snapping photos at every turn. However multiply the amount of pictures you expect to take by ten. As there will be something unique you will want to take a picture of everywhere, so be sure to be prepared, and bring enough memory cards, extra batteries, and of course your charger.

Electrical outputs aboard the Galapagos yachts are 110 Volts North America Grounded .



## Motion sickness medication

Many people experience motion sickness aboard the yachts. However much of the navigation on any cruise takes place at night and some people are quite susceptible to this motion. There are medications to avoid this feeling; if you believe you will experience sea sickness we recommend talking with your doctor before the trip to determine what kind of remedy suits you better.



## Sunscreen

Because the Galapagos Islands are located on the Equator, the sun is very strong. You will most likely be spending a lot of time outside on land tours and beaches so your skin will be exposed on a daily basis. We highly recommend you bring a sunscreen with a high SPF, especially for those people who are not accustomed to being exposed to such intense sunrays. You do not want to get sunburned on the first day and not enjoy the rest of the trip!



## Extra cash

There may be costs that you will have to pay in cash, such as the Galapagos Park Entrance Fee, Transit Control Card fee. You will also need cash for tipping your guide and crew at the end of your cruise and for buying souvenirs on the islands. You will have access to ATM machines while on port but as a backup we also recommend bringing a debit card, some extra cash and a credit card.

