



A warm welcome to all Yachters

The Ecuadorian Government welcomes you to the Galapagos islands.

With a desire to keep our close and long-standing relationship with Yachters from around the world, we have the honor to invite you to take a journey across the Pacific Ocean to the Galapagos Islands.

The Galapagos Archipelago is one of the best-preserved natural places on earth. The Galapagos National Park and Marine Reserve have been open for tourism as of July 2020. The islands are a very safe destination to visit.

The authorities on the Galapagos Islands have implemented strict biosecurity protocols both for the local inhabitants and visitors. This is a priority implemented by the National government to keep the islands safe for visitors. It would be a great honor on behalf of the provincial Government, the National Park Service and the Ministry of Tourism as well as all the local Galapagos people, to receive you as our special guests.

During your stay here in our beautiful and unique environment, you will be able to appreciate the unique flora and fauna as well as the delicate island ecosystems. When visiting the population centers, a warm welcome will be extended to you by the local people. You will also be able to benefit from numerous facilities that are available to you and the many tourist destinations both in the coastal areas as well as the highlands of the larger islands, where there are great places for bird watching as well as seeing other species like Giant tortoises in their natural environment. You will also be able to experience the local agricultural production such as organic coffee which is grown on the islands. There are also local breweries and local workshops producing a variety of native souvenirs.

If you would like to extend your stay for longer in the Galapagos Archipelago, then please talk to your Shipping agent who can show you the options that have been prepared by the authorities.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you all as our special guests.

Regards

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Guidelines for Yachters

While preparing for your Galapagos adventure please make sure of the following guidelines:

When arriving in the Province of Galapagos: -

To be able to bring you boat to Galapagos you will need a shipping agent. Before your arrival we recommend you revise the entry requirements to Ecuador. This is due to the fact that these requirements are changing constantly due to the health and security situation caused by COVID-19. Go to the official web site: www.coronavirusecuador.com y <https://ecuador.travel.com>.

The following matters need to be attended to before coming to Galapagos: -

1) Navy Permission

Your marine agent can help you to obtain the necessary permits to come to Galapagos. The entrance port of call is Baquerizo Moreno after that you can ask for a sailing permit to visit the other ports of call.

2) Permit to bring in a boat and its crew.

You can upload your information to the web site of the Special Provincial council for Galapagos. In the "Pre-Register TCT", where you should choose between individual pre-registration or group pre-registration depending on which correspond to you. It is recommended that you use Mozilla Firefox so that the system functions well.

https://siws.gobiernogalapagos.gob.ec/siicgg_web/

The documentation you should present on arrival at your port of call are: -

Passport

When you present this document, you will be required to pay for a transit control card which is issued by the Special Regime Provincial Government of Galapagos:

Tourists and travelers.	\$20,00
Children under 2 years	\$ 0,00

This transit control card should be presented when you leave the islands.

3) COVID -19 RT-PCR test in Negative.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the local Galapagos Authorities require a negative result RT-PCR test taken in your last port of call or within 96 hours before arriving in the Province of Galapagos. This is a mandatory requirement for all passengers and crew without exception. Test results from international laboratories are accepted when presented by passengers or crew from other countries within the time frame.

4) Tourist with a safe-conduct pass.

When entering the islands as an organized group of visitors a safe-conduct pass are needed by each person in the group. This pass is requested by the travel agency, hotel or shipping agent who is attending to your travel plans. This safe- conduct pass has to be validated by the ministry of tourism. The pass means you do not have to do the quarantine requirements for those entering the Galapagos islands. For more information please go to the following link:

https://www.gobiernogalapagos.gob.ec/wpcontent/uploads/downloads/2020/06/MTT_6_Protocolo_Reapertura_Vlos_Galapagos_V7Final_24JUN2020-1.pdf



5) Fees that will be required when entering the protected areas of the Galapagos islands.

You will be required to pay the Galapagos National Park Entrance fee, on arrival in the Galapagos Islands. Ecuadorian citizens and all children under the age of 2 years do not have to pay this fee. If your country of origin is part of the Andean community or MERCOSUR then there are special rates that will need to be cancelled upon entry. For more information about these fees please visit:

<http://www.galapagos.gob.ec/tributo-de-ingreso/>

6) Documents required for the declaration of health of visitors with indication of country of origin.

This document (one form per family group) should be filled out on arrival in Galapagos. The form can be found at the following link:

<http://www.aag.org.ec/docs/Formulario de Salud del Viajero MSP2020.pdf>

We would like to remind you that the methods of control used are following the recommendations of the WHO (world health organization), IATA and OACI.

7) Health insurance is obligatory. It applies only to foreign visitors. (ART.49 de la LOREG).

8) One of the main priorities when coming to Galapagos is avoiding bringing invasive species. Before arriving, it is required:

A. You must NOT bring any products listed on the following lists please see link:

<https://bioseguridadgalapagos.gob.ec/lista-de-productos/>

B. The hull of any visiting vessel has to be clean before entering the Marine reserve of Galapagos.






When you arrive in Galapagos:



9) Upon arrival in Galapagos a series of inspections, both in person and virtual have to be carried out.

- a) Port captain
- b) Biosecurity agency, personal luggage, food and the ship's hull.
- c) Galapagos National Park
- d) National Police



During your visit the following is very important:

 <p>Parque Nacional GALÁPAGOS Ecuador</p>	<p>During your visit it is important that you review and follow the regulations for all visitors. http://www.galapagos.gob.ec/reglas-de-visita/</p> <p>Additionally, during your stay, you cannot participate in any business activities. (LOREG Art.44)</p>
	<p>Due to Health issues it is required that face mask use in public is mandatory. It is the responsibility of everyone to help stop the global spread of COVID-19. It is also required that all passengers have their own face masks which cover both mouth and Nose.</p>
	<p>If you require help organizing your excursions around the population centers or into the National Park, please do not hesitate to contact a local tour operator, who would be happy to help put together a tour package to suit your needs. It helps the local economic recovery if you use local services.</p> <p>Local tour services for San Cristobal island: http://www.sancristobalgalapagos.gob.ec/web/index.php/sancristobal/servicios-turisticos2</p> <p>Floreana Island: http://sancristobalgalapagos.gob.ec/web/index.php/floreana/servicios-turisticos2-2</p> <p>Santa Cruz island: http://turismo.gadsantacruz.gob.ec/index.php</p> <p>Isabela island: http://gadisabela.gob.ec/docs/agencia.pdf http://gadisabela.gob.ec/docs/restaurantes.pdf</p>
 <p>Parque Nacional GALÁPAGOS Ecuador</p>	<p>The local visiting site that are close to the population centers maintain restrictions established by the COE (Provincial emergency operating committee) for the Yellow light restrictions. This includes visiting time between 0600 and 1700 hours from Tuesday to Sunday. Also limited visiting times of up to 3 hours per group. As well as others that you will be informed about.</p> <p>When a new light code such as red or green is declared then new requirements will be announced locally.</p>
 <p>INFORMATION POINT EDITABLE VECTOR ICON</p>	<p>For more help when in each of the population centers, here are the links for updates etc.</p> <p>Santa Cruz http://www.gadsantacruz.gob.ec/puertoayora/localizacion-geografica/</p> <p>San Cristóbal: http://sancristobalgalapagos.gob.ec/home/index.html#</p> <p>Isabela: http://gadisabela.gob.ec/docs/informacionisabela.pdf</p>

	<p>Another way to explore new places is either on foot or renting bicycles. You are welcome to explore all our paved roads in the towns and of course enjoy a refreshment in the local bars, restaurants and coffee houses.</p> <p>San Cristóbal: http://www.sancristobalgalapagos.gob.ec/web/index.php/sancristobal/servicios-turisticos2/item/70-operadoraturisticas Santa Cruz: http://turismo.gadsantacruz.gob.ec/agencias_viaje.php Isabela: http://gadisabela.gob.ec/docs/agencia.pdf</p>
	<p>If during your visit any health issues arise you are welcome to visit the new and up to date Oscar Jandl hospital on the island of San Cristobal. This hospital is considered the best source of attention in the Galapagos Archipelago. This health center offers pediatrics, gynecology, obstetrics, internal medicine, general surgery, dermatology and endocrinology. It also has a full laboratory service, emergency attention, rehabilitation center, X-ray service, pharmacy and neonatology. Link: http://www.gadmsc.gob.ec/web/directory/hospital-oskar-jandl/</p> <p>On the island of Santa Cruz there is the Republic of Ecuador Hospital and on Isabela health center for primary medical attention.</p>

