

FOR THE GALAPAGOS

What to pack

Life aboard all vessels cruising the Galapagos ranges from informal to very informal. Dress is casual - shorts, tee shirts, swim suits; jeans/slacks and a windbreaker or sweater. Be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes, ample protection from the Equatorial sun (including a hat); and it is highly recommended that you bring a lightweight backpack to carry your camera, excess film and a towel (for drying off after wet landings). Do not over pack. There are weight restrictions on the flights (44 pounds per passenger) and you need only a minimum of casual clothing. Your excess luggage may be left at the hotel in Quito or Guayaquil in storage.

Remember that if you are staying in Quito, that this city is **over 9000 feet above sea level**. Weather in Quito can be unpredictable and you may need a jacket and even a small portable umbrella for cool evenings. Consult with your travel physician if you are susceptible to altitude sickness.

BAGS/TOTES

- One small daypack

CLOTHING

- 2 casual dresses for dining
- 4 or 5 long-sleeved cotton shirts, T-shirts
- 1 lightweight pair of slacks (cotton or other fast drying material)
- 3 pairs of shorts
- 1 wind-breaker
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 1 hat with brim
- 2 bathing suits

EQUIPMENT

- Lip salve
- Sunglasses with a strap
- Extra eye glasses/contact lenses
- Sun block lotion (at least protection 15)
- Small portable umbrella
- Insect repellent (mosquitos, NOT malaria carrying, may be a problem just in Bartholomew –(only from Dec. to July)

- Grooming kit
- Wetsuit (just for the serious snorkelers. Not needed from Dec.to June)
- Personal medication
- Self-sealing plastic bags for electronic equipment
- Reading material (available on board)
- Small notebook and pencil
- Sewing kit
- Camera and binoculars
- Camera gear
- Film
- Binoculars
- Batteries
- Travel Alarm
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Water proof bag for gear

FOOTGEAR

- Tennis Shoes
- Walking shoes, thongs and tevas

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Notarized letter from other parent authorizing travel if both parents are not traveling together
- Snacks
- Swimsuit that offers protection from sun
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Walkie Talkies and Whistle
- Snorkeling gear for smaller children (or adults too)
- Life Jacket (PFD) for smaller children
- Travel games, journals, pencils for drawing, books

FOR SNORKELERS: Most ships in the Galapagos rent snorkel equipment such as masks and fins. If you already own a good mask, we recommend that you bring it. You will most likely be able to rent fins onboard. Call us for details if you have any questions. A light summer wetsuit will keep you comfortable in the water from June to January. Water temperatures in the Galapagos are warmer from February to May. Some ships also arrange for the rental of wetsuits.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Remember, the luggage limit on the flights to/from the Galapagos is 44 pounds per passenger (you can make arrangements to leave any excess baggage with the concierge at your hotel to be reclaimed upon your return from the Galapagos).*