

# GALAPAGOS PACKING LIST

VERSIÓN EN ESPAÑOL 

## Your Adventure Starts Here

Welcome aboard your future Galapagos adventure. You're about to explore a place where nature thrives in its purest form and every day brings something new to discover.

In this guide, you'll find simple tips on what to bring, what to expect, and how the weather shapes your time in the islands, so you can picture yourself here long before you set sail.

### TOILETRIES



- Reef-safe sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Lip balm with SPF
- Insect repellent
- Medications & motion sickness tablets

### ACCESSORIES



- Wide-brimmed hat or cap
- Sunglasses (UV/polarized)
- Daypack or waterproof bag
- Ziplock or dry pouches

### CLOTHING



- Lightweight shirts (short and long-sleeve)
- Hiking pants and shorts
- Windbreaker or light waterproof jacket
- Fleece or sweater for cooler nights
- Swimsuits (2+)
- Casual evening wear
- Undergarments, socks, and sleepwear

### FOOTWEAR



- Walking shoes or trail sneakers
- Water shoes/sandals

### TECH & DOCS



- Camera & waterproof case
- Binoculars (optional)
- Chargers & extra batteries
- Valid passport
- USD cash & credit card



## Weather & Wildlife by Season

The Galapagos Islands are a year-round destination, but have two main seasons, largely influenced by ocean currents:



December to May

### HOT AND HUMID SEASON

**Weather:** Expect sunny, warm weather with air temperatures ranging from 27 C to 32 C. While it's considered the "rainy season," the rain usually comes in short, intense bursts followed by sunshine.

**Water:** The ocean water is warmer, typically between 21 C and 27 C, making it perfect for snorkeling and diving.

**Flora and Fauna:** The landscapes become lush and green thanks to the rainfall. There's a lot of reproductive activity among land animals, with birds nesting and sea turtles laying eggs. It's also a great time to witness giant tortoise hatchlings.



June to November

### COOL AND DRY OR "GARÚA" SEASON

**Weather:** This season is cooler, with air temperatures between 18 C and 26 C. "Garúa"—a fine mist and occasional drizzle—is common, especially in higher elevations. Trade winds are also stronger.

**Water:** Ocean water is colder, usually between 18 C and 24 C. This is due to the influence of the Humboldt Current, which brings nutrient-rich waters. You might want a wetsuit for water activities during this time.

**Flora and Fauna:** This season is fantastic for marine life because the cold currents attract an abundance of species like whale sharks, manta rays, sea lion pups playing around October and November, and penguins. It's also prime time for observing seabirds. The landscapes in lower areas might appear more arid.

