

Packing List: Galápagos



Weather in Galápagos

Being on the Equator, the Galápagos are an excellent year-round destination. In general, there are two seasons:

- December to June: the warmest months with 72-90° F (22-33° C) temps. Water temps are in the mid-70s° F (mid-20s° C). During this "rainy season," the islands receive precipitation in short, daily showers concentrated in upper elevations.
- July to November: temps are a bit cooler, ranging from 60-75° F (18-24° C). Water temperatures average 70° F (21° C). This is the Garua season. Garua is a mist that forms in the highlands, providing moisture, but not much rain.

While there is less precipitation in the Garua season, that does not mean an absence of rain or humidity. And the "rainy season" doesn't mean you won't see the sun. In general, expect hot and humid conditions.

Packing Tips

Think practicality, active comfort, and layers. Weather and activities should be your guide for packing. Sun-protective and insect-repellant fabric* is highly recommended. Personal gear that works well on other outdoor adventures in warm, humid climates will work well in the Galápagos. Storage space is limited, so pack efficiently. Here's a suggested checklist:

PROVIDED

- Adventure gear: bamboo walking sticks, mask/snorkel/fins, shorty wet suits (adult sizes only); NOTE: while snorkel equipment is available on board, you are encouraged to bring your own; guests who do not are provided with a new snorkel mouthpiece exclusively for their use.
- Refillable water bottles
- Hairdryer, towels, toiletries (shampoo/conditioner/body wash)
- Fun and adventure!

LUGGAGE

- Collapsible or nesting luggage to maximize cabin storage
- Daypack for walks, hiking, & panga rides
- Dry bag for camera, binoculars, snacks, etc.
- Luggage locks (optional)

CLOTHING

- Lightweight long-sleeve shirts*
- Short-sleeve t-shirts, shirts, or blouses*
- Lightweight or convertible hiking pants
- Khakis, shorts, skirts/dresses
- Bathing suits

*Avoid white, yellow, orange, and bright pink tops; these colors attract insects

FOOTWEAR

For hiking & walking:

- Day hikers/shoes with tread or comfortable walking shoes
- Socks

For wet landings & kayaking:

- Water socks, water shoes/sandals with straps, flip flops

OUTERWEAR

- Waterproof, light rain or wind jacket
- Light fleece or hooded jacket/pullover
- Brimmed hat & sun hat that covers ears & neck

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Passport & plane tickets (optional: bring your passport with you to Isla Santa Cruz if you want to have it stamped at Charles Darwin Research Station)
- Travel binoculars with safety strap
- Chargers/power cords for electronics
- Camera, memory cards, batteries/charger, safety lanyard
- Sunglasses & retainer strap
- Reef-safe sunscreen & lip protection (not provided on *La Pinta*)
- Insect repellent (visit [CDC.gov/travel](https://www.cdc.gov/travel) for recommendations; not provided on *La Pinta*)
- Ear plugs
- Reusable water bottle & electrolyte replacement tabs/mix
- Adventurous spirit!

Keep important documents, including passport & any essential medications with you at all times.

Additional PACKING LIST for Machu Picchu land extensions:

- Required:** Small nylon duffel (for overnight items in Aguas Calientes)
- Small backpack (Machu Picchu strictly regulates pack size to no larger than 40x35x20cm or 20liters. Oversized packs can be left in onsite storage for \$2 approx.)
- Medium weight fleece jacket or vest
- Altitude sickness medication, i.e. Diamox
- Hand sanitizer
- Reusable water bottle (disposable bottles/plastic prohibited in Machu Picchu)