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TRAVEL GUIDE

GALAPAGOS FAQs

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE 7-NIGHT CRUISES?

- Voyage aboard one of the Celebrity vessels in Galapagos, as indicated in the applicable itinerary.
- Accommodation in staterooms with air conditioning, private bathroom and showers, and refrigerators with complimentary beverages, refillable water bottle and drinking water filtration system.
- All meals and complimentary beverages on board the vessel including select wines, sparkling wines, spirits, soft drinks, bottled water, coffee and teas.
- Complimentary room service.
- Complimentary internet access.
- Onboard entertainment, including programs or lectures by onboard, Galapagos National Park certified naturalists or our experienced Celebrity staff.
- Complimentary snorkeling equipment, wetsuits, binoculars and walking sticks provided for the duration of the cruise.
- Gratuities while on board for the crew and lecturers, as well as gratuities for the naturalist guides.
- The Galapagos National Park admission fee.
- Galapagos Tourist Card fee.
- Transfers from/to the Baltra, Galapagos airport to/from the ship.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE 7-NIGHT CRUISES?

- Air transportation of any type.
- Any ground transfers other than as stated.
- Any food or beverages obtained off of Celebrity Galapagos vessels.
- Purchases on board.
- Personal services such as spa, laundry, and telecommunication services.
- Travel insurance.
- Optional pre/post packages.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE LONGER PACKAGES?

All 10, 11 and 16 night packages include the following 2-night pre-cruise stay in Quito, Ecuador:

- Transfers from the Quito Airport to your hotel and back to the airport.
- Two nights in a shared double occupancy room at a hotel in Quito, Ecuador, prior to your flight to Baltra.
- Meals during the pre-land portion of the package in Quito, including all meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast pre-cruise.
- A guided tour of Quito (full day).
- Round-trip air transportation (coach class) from Quito, Ecuador to Baltra.
- Transfers from the airport in Baltra to the ship.
- 7-night Galapagos cruise aboard one of the Celebrity ships in Galapagos as indicated in the applicable itinerary (See above description for the inclusion of the 7-night cruises).
- All gratuities.

POST-CRUISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 10 AND 11 NIGHT PACKAGES:

- Transfers from your Celebrity vessel to the airport in Baltra.
- Air transportation (coach class on either scheduled or charter service) from Baltra to Quito.
- Transfers from the Quito Airport to your hotel.
- One night (two nights if you purchase the 11-night voyage) at a hotel (dinner and full breakfast are included).
- Afternoon shopping tour to local craft market, time permitting.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Quito Airport.
- All gratuities.

POST CRUISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 16-NIGHT PACKAGE (MACHU PICCHU EXTENSION)

- 7-night Peru post-cruise
 - 3 nights (based on return flight schedule) in Lima
 - 2 nights in The Sacred Valley.
 - 2 nights in Cuzco, the archaeological capital of the Americas and center of the former Inca Empire.
 - Vistadome and Belmond Hiram Bingham train service to and from Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas.
- Round-trip airfare Quito/Baltra/Quito, from Quito to Lima, and round-trip Lima to Cuzco.
- Luxury hotel accommodations.
- Celebrity concierge service/tour escort.
- Fully escorted exclusive tours in every location.
- Park entrance fees.
- Beverages during meals.
- All meals.
- All transfers.
- All gratuities.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGES?

- Air transportation to/from Quito, Ecuador, and to Quito/from Peru. You can book this optional air travel through Flight By Celebrity.
- Any additional food or beverages obtained outside of the package specifications.
- Purchases of souvenirs, gifts and other personal items on board or ashore.
- Personal services such as spa, laundry, and telecommunication charges.
- Baggage, travel cancellation and personal insurance.

ARE THERE ANY LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS?

The air carriers flying between Quito and Baltra typically limit the amount of luggage per guest to one checked piece (not to exceed 40 lbs.) and a small carry-on bag (not to exceed 17 lbs.). Guests may bring a reasonable amount of clothing and personal effects on board the vessels. However, for guests' comfort and convenience, it is recommended that they limit the number of items they take.

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO SAIL?

(1) Embarkation forms (obtained via online check-in), (2) Valid passport with at least 6 months validity from the end of the trip (no photocopies). United States citizens as well as Canadian and UK citizens are not required to have visas for entry into Ecuador and Peru. For other nationalities and for more information, please contact the consulate of the countries you are visiting.

ARE THERE ANY MEDICAL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR RESTRICTIONS BEFORE SAILING?

The Galapagos and Ecuadorian government requires tourists to have travel insurance with Medical Coverage. All guests must ensure they are medically fit for travel. As such, we remind you to check with your physician at least 4 to 6 weeks before sailing to make sure you are up to date with any required immunizations or vaccines you may need to ensure you will be permitted to visit each of the exciting destinations and tours on your itinerary. At this time, no inoculations are required for US, Canadian, and UK citizens. For further information, you may contact the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's Traveler's Health website at www.cdc.gov/travel or toll-free at 800-232-4636.

ARE THERE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS ON BOARD THE SHIPS AND THROUGHOUT THE GALAPAGOS EXPERIENCE?

Please note the ability to accommodate guests with special needs aboard the vessels in the Galapagos Islands is limited. The ships do not have elevators or accessible staterooms. Also, there is very little wheelchair accessibility on the Galapagos Islands, and service animals are not permitted in the Galapagos National Park. During a Galapagos journey, guests will need to ascend or descend steps into a motor coach, use stairs, walk and/or climb over uneven ground for extended distances and get on and off inflatable Zodiac tenders. In addition, the land portion of these vacations, including Quito and Galapagos in Ecuador, as well as Lima, Cuzco and Machu Picchu in Peru are not suited to persons who are wheelchair users.

Celebrity welcomes guests with disabilities and special needs, and we will provide reasonable and appropriate assistance. Guests requiring assistance should consider their specific needs when making a Galapagos vacation decision. While we do not require information about the extent of your specific situation, the more information you can share with us about your specific needs, the better we are able to assist you. We encourage you to notify us of your needs at time of booking but no later than 30 days prior to sailing.

ARE THERE SHOPS ON BOARD?

Yes, there are small shops with limited expedition gear as well as some souvenirs. In addition, there is a limited quantity of sunscreen and other sundries.

WHAT IS THE CURRENCY IN ECUADOR AND PERU?

The country of Ecuador uses the US dollar. Peru's currency is the Sol.

WHAT DOES ONE PACK WHEN VISITING SOME OF THE MOST UNIQUE, UNSPOILED ISLANDS IN THE WORLD?

Daytime and Shore Excursions

- Neutral-colored clothing is advised due to possible presence of insects.
- Lightweight rain jacket or windbreaker.
- A small backpack to carry water and other essentials.
- A hat, sunglasses, sunblock, and insect repellent.
- A re-sealable plastic bag to prevent water damage to cameras and other items of that nature.
- If you bring a digital camera, make sure to pack plenty of memory cards.
- The weather in these ports of call can be unpredictable, so we recommend layers. During the warmer months (February through June) it can be very hot on shore excursions.
- Lightweight shorts and pants as well as both long-and short-sleeve shirts.
- A jacket or sweatshirt will come in handy for cooler days and evenings.
- Sturdy, comfortable walking shoes or lightweight hiking boots, thick socks, swimsuit, and waterproof sandals or wet/dry water shoes for the beach and wet landings. Some of the island trails require walking on rocks, so be sure to have support and good tread on walking shoes.

Evening

- As you pack evening clothes, remember that there is no need for formal attire aboard any of our Celebrity Galapagos vessels.
- For women, we recommend resort casual attire (pants, skirts or even casual dresses).
- For men, we recommend resort casual attire (comfortable shirts and pants, along with a sweater or light jacket)

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE IN THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS?

Located on the equator, the Galapagos Islands are subject to oceanic currents that influence temperatures on the archipelago. The weather is pleasant at any time of the year, making it a year-round cruise destination.

THERE ARE TWO SEASONS IN THE GALAPAGOS:

The dry, or garoa, season runs from July to December. "Garoa" refers to the fog and mist that commonly hangs on the higher elevations during this season. The hot or wet season lasts from January through June, with March and April generally being the wettest months.

IS THERE WI-FI ONBOARD?

All Celebrity Galapagos vessels offer Wi-Fi in public areas.

WHAT IS THE ONBOARD SMOKING POLICY?

Smoking is permitted on only the ship's outer decks in designated smoking areas. Smoking is not permitted on the Zodiac rafts or other transport vessels.