

M/V Galapagos Master – Biosecurity Protocols & Guidelines

Ecuadorian National Health Authorities Requirements to Access Galapagos National Park

The Galapagos Master – Deep Blue will apply all the following protocols which have been established by the Ecuadorian National Health Authorities in order to safely access the Galapagos National Park.

Embarkation Day Transfer

- Guides will greet all guests at the airport, or their local hotel if already in San Cristobal, wearing face masks.
- Guides will take temperature checks and provide gel and alcohol sanitisers to all guests.
- Luggage will be disinfected by the crew before its arrival on the boat.
- All staff and guests must wear a face mask at all times during the embarkation transfer.

Boarding & Disembarking

- All staff and guests will wear a face mask to embark and disembark.
- A shoe disinfection tray shall be placed at the entrance and exit of the boat.
- The boat has gel and alcohol sanitisers in social areas for guests to use.
- Before any boarding or disembarkation, guides, crew and guests will use gel and alcohol sanitizers.
- Crew and staff will maintain a tidy and orderly boarding and disembarking of guests to ensure social distancing.

Land Visits

- Galapagos National Park recommends reduced capacity in pangas as follows: pangas that are six meters or less in length can carry eight guests seated and three crew members (standing or seated). For each additional meter of length, two more guests can be added.
- During the land visits, guides and guests must wear face masks.
- Guides and the Captain can divide the group of guests among the different activities allowed on the site (such as walking, snorkeling, panga rides and kayaking). This will help to ensure social distancing.
- During land visits, guides must carry a sanitiser kit - (alcohol sanitiser spray, gel and masks).
- Enclosed sites in the cities like the Interpretation Center will have reduced capacity; guides must check and coordinate the hour of the visit and if necessary, wait their turn. The schedule for these sites is Tuesday to Sunday from 6am to 5pm.
- Food is prohibited during land visits. Only hydrating beverages are allowed.

Cabins

- All cabins have gel and alcohol sanitisers for the guests' personal use.

Social Areas

- The restaurant and living room are equipped with ozone air purifiers.
- Alcohol and gel dispensers are available for the guests' use.

Waste Management

- The handling of waste such as masks, gloves, disposable overalls and other implements that are used for the prevention of COVID19, must be placed separately from the remaining waste generated on the vessels. This waste must be placed in sealed red bags clearly labeled with 'biological risk'. These will then be delivered to official disposal centres.

For more information on the above please speak to a member of our team.