

Galapagos National Park Rules

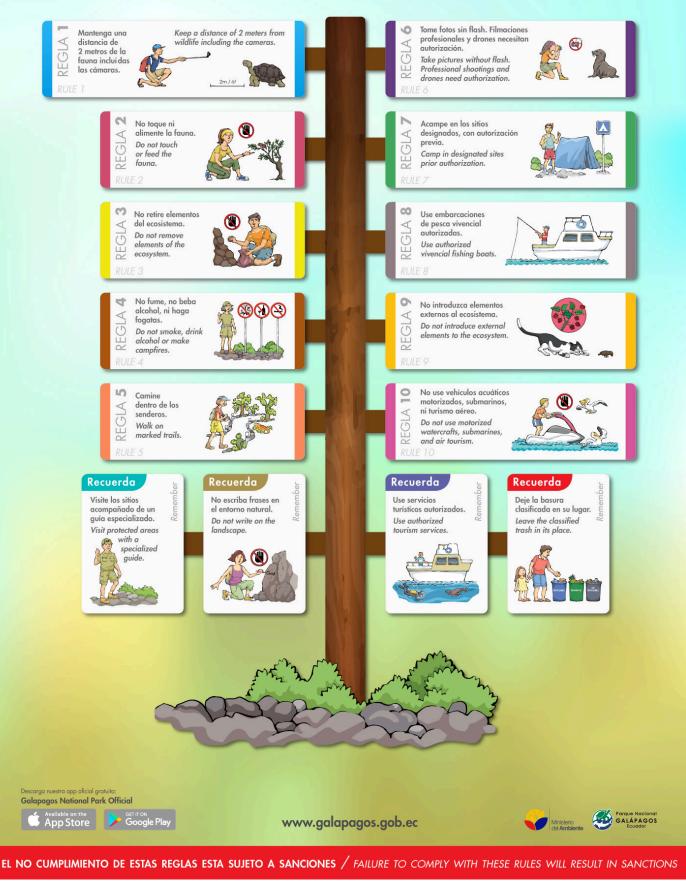
All visitors to the Galapagos Islands are expected to act responsibly and to treat the environment with respect at all times.

Following are the rules of the Galapagos National Park Directorate (GNPD) which all visitors are expected to comply with while in the Islands:

- 1. Travel only with tour operators and/or boats that are authorised to work in the protected areas of Galapagos.
- 2. Visitors to any protected areas within the Galapagos National Park must be accompanied by a GNPD authorised naturalist guide.
- 3. Remain on marked trails at visitor sites and respect signs at all times for the protection of wildlife, and your safety.
- 4. Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres (6 feet) from wildlife to avoid disturbing them, even if they approach you.
- 5. Never feed the wildlife.
- 6. Flash photography is not permitted when taking photos of wildlife. Professional photography and videos recorded for commercial purposes must be authorised by the GNPD.
- 7. Smoking and/or campfires are strictly prohibited within the Galapagos National Park.
- 8. Camping is only allowed in a few authorised areas in the Islands. Permission to camp must be requested at the Galapagos National Park's offices at least 48 hours in advance.
- 9. Do not take or purchase any products or souvenirs made from banned substances, including black coral, shells, lava rock, animal parts, or any native wood or vegetation. Doing so is illegal and must be reported.
- 10. It is every visitor's responsibility not to introduce foreign elements such as food, plants or animals into the Archipelago and to fully cooperate with all environmental inspection and quarantine officials.
- 11. Practise <u>"leave-no-trace" principles</u> to maintain the beauty of the environment.
- 12. Pack up all trash and dispose of or recycle it in the populated areas or on your tour boat.
- 13. Fishing is only permitted on recreational tour boats authorised by the GNPD.
- 14. Motorised aquatic sports (e.g. jet-skis), mini-subs, underwater scooters (DPVs) and aerial tourism activities are not permitted in the Galapagos National Park or Marine Reserve.

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