



8 Things You Must Know

Before Traveling to the Galapagos Islands



The Galapagos Islands, one of the most magical, pristine and impressive places on the face of the Earth, where you will feel amazed in every step you take. When traveling to the Enchanted Islands there are 7 things you must know:



1 Going through Immigration
In order to avoid any hassle make sure that your Passport is valid for at least six months after the date you arrive to Ecuador.



2 New Galapagos Government Regulations
According to Galapagos regulations, every passenger must present a domestic round air ticket, a hotel or cruise reservation; in the case of the passenger not staying in a hotel or cruise an invitation letter from a Galapagos resident. These conditions are obligatory, and if not presented, passengers will not be allowed into the Islands.



3 What needs to be paid before entering the plane!
At the Quito or Guayaquil airport, and before embarking, you must pay and register your visit to Galapagos by acquiring the Transit Control Card (US\$20.00 cash only per person).



4 Galapagos forever
Galapagos has a very delicate ecosystem that needs to be preserved. That's why there are strict controls on what goes in and out of the Islands.



5 Entering the Galapagos National Park
Once at the Galapagos airport, you need to pay a US\$100.00 entrance fee (only cash accepted per person), and hand your Transit Control Card to the airport authority.



6 What is the best payment method to use?
As Galapagos is an isolated place, Internet and other communication means are not quite reliable. That's why is best to take enough cash with you.



7 Getting around in the islands
Moving from one place to another is really easy. If it is in the same island, you can either walk or take a taxi. When traveling to another island, you can find water shuttles.



8 Health insurance
Upon your arrival to Ecuador, at the airport immigration office, you must present health insurance details -which must be valid throughout your stay in Ecuador.

