



GALAPAGOS SKY
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Cruise Information Guide



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Diving and Conditions in Galápagos

Please note that diving in the Galápagos is advanced due to strong currents, varying visibility and cold water. Temperatures range from low 60's to upper 70's in different areas of the itinerary and seasons. Depths can be 20-30 meters or 65-100 feet. Divers must be comfortable in these conditions, as well as have very good buoyancy and be able to do negative (sometimes rapid) back-roll entries/descents from small boats. **Recommended requirements include 50-100 open water dives, experience in currents, ability in removing gear in water and ability in getting into small boats in choppy seas. Nitrox certification prior to the cruise is highly recommended. Recent dive experience required. PADI and DAN both recommend a refresher course for divers who have been out of the water for 6 months or longer.**

All diving off Galápagos Sky is NON-DECOMPRESSION diving, no exceptions.

Diver to Dive Guide Ratio

8:1 With a full boat of 16 guests, divers will be placed in two groups of 8. Each group of 8 divers will have 1 Dive Guide.

Private Dive Guide Services

For divers who wish to have a Private Dive Guide, an extra guide can be made available for \$1750 per week. Private Dive Guide services must be made well in advance and are contingent to Dive Guide availability. The fee is added to the reservation invoice and payment is made in advance.

Certification Cards

Certification cards must be shown to Dive Guides when checking in at the beginning of the cruise. Highest level of training and Enriched Air Nitrox card please.

Dive Computers

Divers must use a dive computer or be able to show dive planning with a dive table to the dive guide to keep track of their non-decompression time. Rental dive computers are very limited so it is **strongly** suggested that each diver bring their own dive computer with a back-up dive computer, ideally with the same algorithm. If your dive computer is violated you will not be allowed to dive until the computer has cleared.

Minimum Age

As the dive itinerary does not offer dives under 40ft/12m, divers must be at least 15 years old with proper training and experience.

Solo Diving/Side Mount/Rebreather/Doubles

At this time, Solo Diving, Side Mount diving, diving with Doubles or Rebreathers are not permitted. Stage or pony bottles are not available for rent.

Night Diving

Night dives are optional and conducted weather and conditions permitting on Day 3 at Wolf. Divers must be experienced at night diving, carry a primary and a backup light/torch and also have a tank light. Underwater lights/torches are not available for rent or loan.

How We Dive Off Galápagos Sky

Entry

All diving is done off of a panga (also known as an inflatable or tender). Divers will gear up on the dive deck of Galápagos Sky. Fins will be placed in the panga by the crew. Divers will walk to the gangway and with assistance from the crew, lower themselves into the panga. Cameras will be handed down to the panga by the crew. Once seated on the panga, divers will be handed their fins to don. At the dive site, the Dive Guide will ask for a final self and buddy check and give the signal to Dive. All divers must simultaneously do a bankroll entry. Cameras will be handed to divers by the panga driver. At certain dive sites, divers will be asked to do a negative entry (no air in BCD) to ensure a quicker decent in stronger currents.

The Dive

Dive Briefings will be given on board prior to every dive.

Divers are expected to follow and stay with the dive guide, follow signals and instructions. Divers who must end their dive prior to the planned dive time, must be able to do a proper ascent with their dive buddy, complete a safety stop and signal the panga driver once safely buoyant at the surface. Dives are typically 50 minutes each. Most dives are between 60ft/18m and 100ft/30m.

Exiting The Water

Once the panga approaches a diver and the panga driver gives the OK, divers must hand up cameras, remove and hand up weight belts. Divers must remove their inflated BCD in the water, present the tank side to the panga driver who will bring the gear on board. Divers will then hand up fins and climb the ladder back onto the panga.

Nitrox/Enriched Air vs. Air

Nitrox is included in the cruise rate. Nitrox/Enriched Air Certification by a recognized certification/training agency is required to dive with Nitrox on board Galápagos Sky. Without proof of Nitrox certification, divers will be provided with air fills. Without Nitrox certification, all dives cannot be completed on Days 3, 4 & 5 at Wolf & Darwin due to recreational Non-Decompression Limits.

Nitrox classes are not offered on board. Our membrane system generally produces 32%. Certified Nitrox divers must analyze and log Nitrox mixes and MODs prior to each dive. Nitrox Analyzers are provided on board.

✔ Nitrox Certification Cards must be presented to Dive Guides at check in on board.

✔ **Divers without Nitrox Certification will be required to hire a Private Dive Guide.**

Snorkeling

All activities in Galápagos are regulated by the Galápagos National Park. Our permit does not allow for snorkeling at most of our dive sites. Many of our dive sites are in areas where surface conditions are unsafe for snorkeling. There is no discount for non-divers.

Weights & Weight Belts

Weights and Weight Belts are available and included in your cruise rate. Most lead weight pieces on board are 4 to 5 pounds. Small 1 to 2 pound or trim weights are not available.

Soft weights are not available.

Tanks and Valves

Standard tanks are Aluminum 80 Cubic Foot/12 Liter tanks with an INT/yoke valve. Each tank has a removable insert to make the tank DIN first stage compatible. A limited number of Aluminum 100 Cubic Foot/15 Liter (DIN/INT compatible) tanks are available for an additional weekly rental fee of \$60 USD that can be paid directly on board. Please note on Application the desire to rent 100 cu ft/15 ltr tanks when making rental requests prior to the cruise.

Reef Hooks

Galápagos Sky does not provide reef hooks to divers. If a diver is experienced and comfortable with reef hook use, they may bring their own along with a small cutting tool to cut themselves free if needed. Divers who are not highly experienced with reef hook use should not attempt learning in Galapagos due to strong currents. All divers must bring their own gloves to hold on to rocks in current.

Diver Safety Equipment

The following pieces of surface safety devices are required for each diver entering the water:

- 1) Safety Sausage/SMB/Surface Marker
- 2) Dive Alert or similar audible surface signaling device
- 3) Nautilus Lifeline electronic surface tracking device.

If you have your own Nautilus Lifeline, the **MMSI number is 735057585**.

Galápagos Sky has limited quantities of these items available for loan to divers while on board. They are not for rent and cannot be reserved. If these items get broken, flooded or lost the week prior, we may only have enough for buddy teams. If a diver feels they must have one for their own personal safety, they should bring their own. We cannot guarantee availability.

Rental Gear

It is **highly recommended** that divers bring their own gear. Advanced diving conditions that are common in Galápagos truly call for divers to be in their own, known and proper fitting gear. If a diver must rent gear, please understand that sizes, selection and quantities are extremely limited. Guests should note items to be rented and specific size(s) on the Application.

All fees for rental gear are paid directly on Galápagos Sky on the last day of the cruise.

USD Cash and Visa/MasterCard are accepted on board for payment.

Not available for rent or purchase:

Cameras, Gloves, Thermal Vests, Torches/Underwater Lights, Knives, Pony Bottles

Full Gear Rental Package \$250 per week	Ala Carte Rental Items Cost per Week
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCD• Regulator/Gauge Set• 7mm Wetsuit• Mask• Snorkel• Fins• Booties (Computer not included)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCD \$80• Computer \$75• Regulator/Gauge \$80• 7mm Wetsuit \$45• Mask/Snorkel \$25• Fins/Booties – \$25 per charter• 100 cu ft/15 ltr tank upgrade \$60

Rental wetsuits are all 7mm. We carry very limited quantities of SCUBAPRO/Auqalung Men's and Ladies Small, Medium, Large and X-Large and Men's XXL only.

✓ Divers must bring their own gloves, hood/hooded vest, layering garments for added thermal protection.

Rental BCDs are not weight integrated. Weight belts must be used with rental BCDs.

Fins are open-heel, adjustable SCUBAPRO Seawing Nova fins. Size Small through XL only.

Rental regulator set-ups come with: First stage (yoke), Primary second stage regulator, Secondary second stage regulator (octopus or an alternate air source), Low pressure inflator hose (standard connector), submersible pressure gauge (SPG) and depth gauge (analog)

Water Temperatures

Water temperatures fluctuate through the year. Water temperatures are typically warmer in the northern islands at Wolf and Darwin and cooler in the western, southern and central islands of Galápagos. Thermoclines are common. **Divers should be prepared for the water temps listed for all water temps: Western, Southern & Central AND Wolf & Darwin.**

December - May: The water is warmer, clearer 64-80°F, 18-27°C

June - November: The water is cooler, 60-77°F, 15-25°C.

	Southern & Central		Western		Wolf & Darwin			
	Average °F	Average °C	Average °F	Average °C	High °F	High °C	Low °F	Low °C
January	73	22.98	65	18.08	77	25.25	77	25.15
February	74	23.38	65	18.59	79	26.16	78	25.71
March	76	24.57	69	20.56	79	25.90	76	24.54
April	75	23.89	68	20.27	80	26.47	78	25.65
May	74	23.15	68	19.85	78	25.47	77	25.17
June	74	23.33	66	19.15	77	24.76	75	24.14
July	72	22.25	66	18.72	76	24.70	75	23.66
August	70	21.19	62	16.88	76	24.71	75	23.84
September	71	21.43	61	16.33	77	24.84	76	24.47
October	71	21.39	65	18.13	77	24.93	76	24.29
November	72	22.22	66	19.13	76	24.65	75	23.87
December	74	23.25	66	18.70	78	25.56	77	24.74
Average	73	22.75	66	18.70	78	25.28	76	24.60

Wetsuit Recommendations

The general recommendation if a diver is bringing one suit, a 7mm with hood/hooded vest and layering garments. As water temperatures vary in different areas of Galápagos, **we highly recommend divers bring their own hooded vest and layering garments for added thermal protection.** Dry Suits are commonly used in Galápagos with lighter under garments in the warmer water and heavier under garments in the colder water.

Divers must bring and wear gloves (1-2 mm) to protect their hands.

Celcius	Fahrenheit	Exposure Suit
23.89-26.67	75-80	5 mm
21.11-23.33	70-74	7-8 mm with 3-5 mm hooded vest and layering pieces
12.78-20.56	55-69	7 mm wetsuit to 8/7 mm semi-dry or Drysuit with 5mm hood/hood vest and layering pieces

Payment Terms & Conditions

Included in Cruise Rate

Nitrox, cabin accommodation, all meals, snacks, all beverages including an open bar policy (beer, wine, spirits and liquors), one 80 cu ft/12 liter tank, weights, weight belt, up to 4 dives per day on 5.5 days for 7-night cruises, 3 land excursions, service of Dive Guides, transfers in the Islands between airport and dock (on cruise departure dates only), all other Galápagos Sky services and amenities.

Non-Divers

Galápagos Sky is a dedicated scuba liveaboard, there is no discount for non-divers.

Not Included in Cruise Rate

- Trip Interruption or Cancellation Insurance
- Dive Accident Insurance (DAN or DiveAssure)
- International Airfare to Ecuador (Quito UIO or Guayaquil GYE)
- Domestic Airfare to the Galápagos Islands (Quito UIO or Guayaquil GYE to San Cristóbal SCY)
- Galápagos National Park entrance fee \$100 USD
- Transit card (TCT) \$20 USD
- Hyperbaric chamber fee \$35 USD
- Rental Gear
- Gratuities to guides and crew

Cancellation Policy for Direct, Individual Bookings

Cancellations received 90 days or more prior to departure are subject to a service charge of \$300 per person.

Cancellations received 89-60 days prior to departure forfeit the entire deposit.

Cancellations received 59 days prior to departure forfeit the entire cruise cost.

Hyperbaric Chamber Fee

The Hyperbaric Facility is located in the town of Puerto Ayora on the island of Santa Cruz. The larger dive operators in Galapagos collect a mandatory \$35 fee from each guest to keep the facility operating, staffed and with updated equipment. Treatment at the facility is not covered by the \$35 fee. Divers must still have dive accident insurance. Galapagos Sky collects this fee in advance of each cruise. The fee cannot be paid on board.

Gratuities for Guides & Crew

It is common practice to tip in Ecuador and to tip dive boat crew. We recommend 10% of the charter rate as tip/gratuity. An envelope will be provided at the end of the cruise, along with a Guest Comment Card. Envelopes and Cards are placed in a locked box in the lounge area. Tips are divided and distributed equally amongst the Captain/Dive Guides and crew. Cash is preferred though gratuity can be placed on a Visa/MasterCard credit card. Please note that 2-4% is deducted from gratuities placed on credit cards for processing fees. Our crew works very hard, we are sure you will agree!!

Credit Card Payments Made On Board

Every passenger has an open tab at the bar and boutique, which are paid the last day of the cruise. We accept cash (US Dollars), MasterCard or VISA credit cards only.

Personal bank checks are not accepted on board.

Insurances

✓ Dive Accident Insurance

We require each diver to have Dive Accident insurance. Divers must note the company and policy # on your Application. The Hyperbaric Chamber donation fee **does not** cover any medical expenses if needed.

✓ Travel Interruption/Cancelation Insurance

DivEncounters, Inc. & Galápagos Sky **will NOT** provide refund or cruise credit in the event you miss your cruise or circumstances beyond our control (such as weather) which may require us not to fulfill our full cruise itinerary. We strongly recommend that all passengers traveling on Galápagos Sky invest in **COMPREHENSIVE** medical, trip cancellation and trip interruption insurance that includes a **Cancel for Any Reason Coverage Add-On** at the time of your reservation. This investment will protect you and your financial commitment in the event of unforeseen travel delays/ airline cancellations, personal or family illness or injury which may not allow for you to make your scheduled cruise.

In the event of any departure cancellation and/or interruption or postponement of any cruise due to reasons including, force majeure, Acts of God, war, civil disturbances, terrorist acts, insurgent acts, extremist acts, government interference, labor disputes and strikes, and when no substitute Vessel can be arranged for, the Company will issue a credit for the unused portion of the cruise to be utilized by the Passenger on a future cruise departure, subject to availability.



Travel in Ecuador & Galápagos

Entry Requirements

Passport/Visa

A valid passport, with at least **six months** remaining before expiration, is required to enter Ecuador. It is the passenger's responsibility to check with local immigration offices or the Ecuadorian Consulate prior to traveling to determine if a visa is necessary.

Immunizations

At the time of publication, no inoculations were required for visitors to Ecuador and Galápagos (excluding jungle areas). Please check with your local health office at least two weeks prior to your departure.

Time Zone

Ecuador is in the Eastern Time zone (GMT-5 in the mainland). Daylight savings time is not observed in Ecuador. Galápagos is one hour behind mainland Ecuador. On board, we observe mainland Ecuador time.

Local Currency

The US Dollar USD - The country of Ecuador uses the US Dollar. Many small shops and vendors in Galápagos only take cash. If credit cards are accepted, there is usually a surcharge.

Language Spoken

English and Spanish are spoken aboard Galápagos Sky by Dive Guides and Captains. All guests must speak English or Spanish for safety reasons.

Shipping and Storage of Luggage

We have been unable to find a reliable service for shipping items in or out of Galapagos or mainland Ecuador, for that reason, we are unable to make a recommendation for shipping services. Best to keep luggage with you during your travels.

Ecoventura Cruises/Back-to-Back Travel for the Best of Land & Sea

Galapagos Sky departures are every Sunday to Sunday from San Cristobal; which matches perfectly for a back to back cruise with our sister yachts for land excursions and snorkeling to complete your Galapagos experience www.ecoventura.com and www.origingalapagos.com. Transfers between yachts is handled for you. Galapagos Sky offers a 5% discount for back to back travel with the Letty, ORIGIN or THEORY.



Getting to Ecuador (UIO or GYE)

All guests or their travel agents, must make their own international air travel arrangements into either

Quito, Ecuador
Guayaquil, Ecuador

Mariscal Sucre International - Airport Code **UIO**
Jose Joaquin De Olmedo - Airport Code **GYE**

✓ Arrive in either UIO or GYE by Friday or Saturday morning before scheduled departure date, Sunday. Please be in mainland Ecuador for at least a full 24 hours prior to the flight to Galapagos. Allow for contingency plans if flights are delayed, canceled or baggage delayed.

✗ Do not arrive into UIO or GYE Saturday evening, night or on flights arriving Sunday morning. Please allow for contingency plans if flights are canceled/delayed. Do not plan to take the last flight of the day on Saturday into Ecuador which will not give you options if that flight is canceled.

Divers should be rested, alert and adjusted to time-zone changes at the time of boarding Galapagos Sky.

Hotels in Quito (UIO)

Hotel	Location	Transfer	Rates *	Arrangements **
Wyndham Airport Quito	Closest to Airport	Provided by Hotel Shuttle every 30 minutes	SGL: \$130 DBL: \$145 TRP: \$175	Reservations Office or Guest/Travel Agent
Le Parc	In the north part of the city	Taxi	SGL: \$190 DBL: \$230	Reservations Office or Guest/Travel Agent
Illa Hotel	San Marcos neighborhood	Taxi	\$420-\$520	Reservations Office or Guest/Travel Agent
Casa Gangotena	Historic area	Taxi	\$550-\$696	Reservations Office or Guest/Travel Agent
* Rates are subject to change ** Arrangements can be made by the Galápagos Sky Reservations Office or by the Guest/Travel Agent directly				

Hotels in Guayaquil (GYE)

Hotel	Location	Transfer	Rates *	Arrangements **
Oro Verde	Near Airport	Provided by Hotel	SGL: \$152 DBL: \$170	Reservations Office or Guest/Travel Agent
Hotel del Parque	Near Airport	Taxi or Private Transfer	SGL: \$340 DBL: \$355 TRP: \$423	Reservations Office or Guest/Travel Agent
* Rates are subject to change ** Arrangements can be made by the Galápagos Sky Reservations Office or by the Guest/Travel Agent directly				

✓ It is required that hotel accommodation information for the night prior to departure be noted on each guest's Application.

Getting to Galápagos

There are two airports in the Galápagos Islands:

San Cristóbal

or

Baltra

San Cristóbal Airport - Airport Code SCY

Seymour Airport - Airport Code GPS

Galápagos Sky departs from Tiburon Martillo Muelle Ecoturístico "Ecotouristic Dock Hammerhead Shark" on **San Cristóbal** making **SCY** the airport to fly into.

✓ All guests must be on board Galápagos Sky and checked in by noon (12:30) Galapagos Time or 1:30pm (13:30) Mainland Time on departure day which excludes the flight XL1419 from being a possible flight on cruise departure day.

Prearranged, Group Booked Flight With Assistance

As a very convenient service, through our Reservation's Office, guests may prearrange flights to/ from Galápagos through our pre-booked seats with Avianca Airlines from Quito UIO or Guayaquil GYE to San Cristobal SCY. Passengers who purchase their tickets through Galápagos Sky for the Avianca Flight 1636 on their cruise departure day, will receive assistance with the check in procedure and the option to pre-pay the TCT transit card and Park entrance fee. A representative from our sister company, Ecoventura, will tag your luggage with your name and cabin number and accompany our passengers on this flight.

On the day of departure, please be at the airport in Quito or Guayaquil one and a half hours (90 minutes) prior to departure for check-in. You must first have your bags inspected by SICGAL as required for travel to Galápagos. Next, look for our Ecoventura representative at the AVIANCA Airline check-in counter to collect your boarding pass, TCT transit card (if prepaid) and receive assistance with check-in. No need to stand in line to pay the TCT card if you have already prepaid.

Upon arrival in Galápagos, passengers form a line to process passenger Passports and Park entrance fees. Please inform the Park representative that you are traveling with Ecoventura/ Galápagos Sky if you have prepaid the Park fee. They will have a list of prepaid passengers and hand you your receipt. You will then claim your luggage. With your luggage, exit the airport. Our guides will be waiting for you with a Galapagos Sky sign. They will take you and your luggage a short 5-7 minute drive to the dock area where all will be loaded into pangas for transport to Galapagos Sky.



Flight Number and Times * subject to change

Sunday - DAY OF EMBARKMENT			
Avianca Flight 1636 AV 1636	Departs Quito	Departs Guayaquil	Arrives San Cristóbal
	8:25 am	10:20 am	11:10 am
Sunday -DAY OF DISEMBARKMENT			
Avianca Flight 1637 AV 1637	Departs San Cristóbal	Arrives Guayaquil	Arrives Quito
	1:05 pm (13:05)	3:53 pm (15:53)	5:56 pm (17:56)

Avianca Airlines Baggage Policy

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE Per Person

ECONOMY	BUSINESS CLASS
<p>One carry-on bag up to 22 lb/ 10 kg and up to 45 in/ 115 cm</p> <p>One checked piece up to 50 lb/ 23 kg and up to 62 in/ 158 cm</p>	<p>One carry-on bag up to 22 lb/ 10 kg and up to 45 in/ 115 cm</p> <p>Two checked pieces up to 70 lb/ 32 kg each and up to 62 in/ 158 cm</p> <p>Business Class additional \$114 round trip</p>

 LifeMiles Gold and Diamond members or Star Alliance Gold Status members Must show proof at Check-In 	
ECONOMY	BUSINESS CLASS
<p>One carry-on bag up to 22 lb/ 10 kg and up to 45 in/ 115 cm</p> <p>One checked piece up to 44 lb/ 20kg and up to 62 in/ 158 cm</p> <p>Two checked pieces up to 50 lb/ 23 kg and up to 62 in/ 158 cm</p>	<p>One carry-on bag up to 22 lb/ 10 kg and up to 45 in/ 115 cm</p> <p>One checked piece up to 44 lb/ 20kg and up to 62 in/ 158 cm</p> <p>Two checked pieces up to 70 lb/ 32 kg each and up to 62 in/ 158 cm</p>
LifeMiles Silver members Must show proof at Check-In	
ECONOMY	BUSINESS CLASS
<p>One carry-on bag up to 22 lb/ 10 kg and up to 45 in/ 115 cm</p> <p>Two checked piece up to 50 lb/ 23 kg and up to 62 in/ 158 cm</p>	<p>One carry-on bag up to 22 lb/ 10 kg and up to 45 in/ 115 cm</p> <p>Two checked pieces up to 70 lb/ 32 kg each and up to 62 in/ 158 cm</p>
<p>FEES in USD - Subject to change - Please see avianca.com for latest fee schedule</p> <p>Excess baggage fee: \$32 for up to 50 lb/ 23 kg, \$60 for 51-100 lb/ 23-45 kg. Overweight baggage fee: \$15 for 51-100 lb/ 23-45 kg Oversize baggage fee: \$80 for larger than 62 in/ 158 cm and less than or equal to 90.5 in/ 230 cm. Fees do not include IVA (tax) of 12% and are subject to change.</p>	

Travel Delays

If a travel delay should arise prior to your departure to Ecuador, please contact our USA office at (305) 262-3483 or info@galapagossky.com.

For our passengers traveling on Saturday to Quito or Guayaquil who are experiencing travel delays, cancelled flights or difficulties that will impact their Saturday arrivals and Sunday departures, please contact us via cell phone or via WhatsApp at these numbers or via e-mail at

Travel Emergency E-mail
help@ecoventura.com

Travel Emergency Cell Phone/WhatsApp or help@ecoventura.com			
	From US number	From UK number	From Ecuador number
Luly Mena	+593-98-502-5615	00-593-98-502-5615	098-502-5615
Maria Fernanda Benites	+593 96-977-2721	00-593-96-977-2721	096-977-2721

Ecoventura Airport Representative Contact Information UIO and GYE

Quito UIO Airport Representative Sundays Only Diego Benavides - Ecoventura - Cell or WhatsApp		
From US number	From UK number	From Ecuador number
+593-98-502-5818	00-593-98-502-5818	098-502-5818

Guayaquil GYE Airport Representative Sundays Only Jorge Lombeida - Ecoventura - Cell or Whatsapp		
From US number	From UK number	From Ecuador number
+593-99-102-7100	00-593-99-102-7100	099-102-7100

Independent & Earlier Arrival to Galápagos

If you arrive to Galápagos (SCY or GPS) **prior to the cruise departure date (Sunday)**, please make your way to the dock Tiburon Martillo Muelle Ecoturístico "Ecotouristic Dock Hammerhead Shark" on San Cristóbal Island on departure day (Sunday).

You will pay the migration control transit card TCT \$20 (cash only USD) in Quito UIO or Guayaquil GYE airports and the Galápagos National Park entrance fee \$100 (cash only USD) upon arrival in San Cristóbal (SCY).

✓ All guests must be on board Galápagos Sky and checked in by 12:30 pm (12:30) Galapagos Time on departure day.

To arrange meeting time at the Tiburon Martillo Muelle Ecoturístico "Ecotouristic Dock Hammerhead Shark", usually around noon, please call our Captain to coordinate.
The cellular phone number of the boat is: **0990167139**



Taxi Service on San Cristóbal

Taxi service on San Cristóbal is very inexpensive. From the airport or hotels to the Main Municipal dock, the charge will be just a few dollars (USD cash only) Taxis do not take credit cards.

Ferry Service in Galapagos

Ferry services between islands should be arranged through the hotels or upon arriving in Galapagos. The ferry from Santa Cruz to San Cristobal arrives at the same dock that we also embark from - Tiburon Martillo Muelle Ecoturistico "Ecotouristic Dock Hammerhead Shark"

No Fly Time

For time out of the water before flying, Divers Alert Network (DAN) and the Undersea Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS) offer the following guidelines:

- A single dive within the no-decompression limits: 12 hours
- Repetitive dives of multiple days of diving: 18 hours

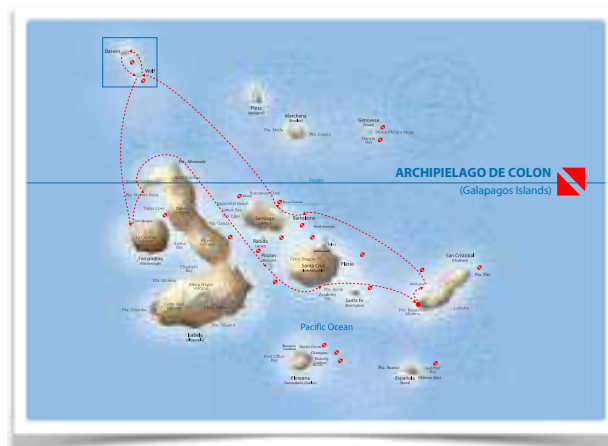
Our last dive on the itinerary is Saturday morning which allows for a full 24 hours out of the water prior to flights back to Ecuador on Sunday.

Early Disembarkment Option (Saturday) on Santa Cruz

Guests who have continuing travel plans on Santa Cruz or departing from Baltra (GPS) airport may wish to disembark on Saturday before or after the Galápagos Tortoises land tour visit. Please note that Galápagos Sky typically arrives at approximately noon (12:00) Galapagos Time / 1pm (13:00) Mainland Time at Santa Cruz on Saturdays **which does not allow for flights out of Baltra GPS on Saturdays.** Please let the Sales & Reservations Office know so we can advise the Captain in advance if you wish to disembark on Saturday. Guests may wish to make arrangements for their luggage to be sent to their hotel on Santa Cruz, then continue on the Land Tour with their Galapagos Sky yacht-mates before saying good-bye on Saturday from Puerto Ayora. **Guests will make these specific arrangements with our Captain once on board.**

Disembarkment (Sunday) on San Cristobal

On the day of disembarkment on San Cristobal, Galapagos Sky is in the harbor at Shipwreck Bay before the sun rises. After breakfast on board, we typically disembark around 9:00am to visit the Gianni Arismendy Interpretation Center located in Cerro Tijeretas. While guests are discovering more about the human history of the Galapagos Islands, the crew will take their luggage to the airport. After visiting the Interpretation Center, the crew will transfer guests to the SCY San Cristobal Airport for flights back to mainland Ecuador. If guests will be staying on San Cristobal, our crew can assist them with getting a taxi to their hotel, although most hotels are within walking distance of the dock area. If a guest needs to be on shore earlier that morning, our crew can certainly arrange that too.



Galápagos National Park Fee and TCT Tax

Galapagos National Park entrance fee (national park tax) is \$100 USD (cash only) per person. The fee is divided up among various entities including the GNPS, Marine Reserve, agriculture, municipalities, INEFAN and INGALA. The fee for nationals of one of the Andean Community of Nations or Mercosur is \$50 USD (cash only) per person. Rates are subject to change at any time until day of departure.

TCT card or Tarjeta de Control de Transito is required by all visitors to Galápagos for \$20 USD (cash only) This card allows INGALA, the institution that controls migration to the islands to better regulate the flow of all arrivals and departure to Galápagos.

Rates are subject to change at any time until day of departure.

Application Information and Waiver

All guests of Galápagos Sky must complete our Application and sign/date and have a witness sign/date our Waiver form prior to boarding. All information must be received by our Reservation's Office **60 days prior to departure.**

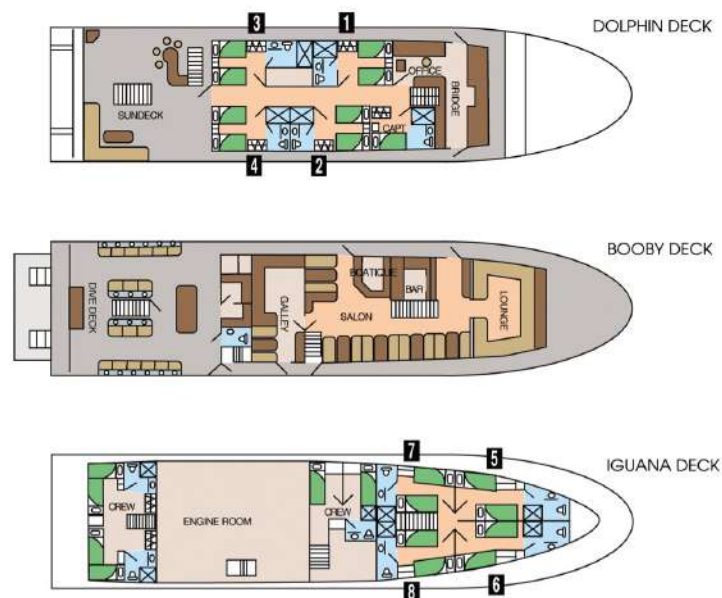
Dietary restrictions, rental gear needs, emergency contact information, passport information, how you arriving into San Cristóbal and hotel information for the night prior to departure are some of the questions on our Application. You will receive this form from our Reservation's Office or from your Travel Agent or Trip Leader. Return completed information to your Travel Agent / Trip Leader or if booked directly info@galapagossky.com or fax to (305) 262-9609.

The image shows two overlapping forms from Galapagos Sky. The left form is titled 'APPLICATION FORM' and contains various fields for personal information, travel details, and health status. The right form is a waiver document with several paragraphs of text and signature lines. Both forms have yellowed-out sections for names and dates, indicating they are filled out but the text is obscured. The Galapagos Sky logo is visible at the bottom of the forms.

The Yacht, Galápagos Sky

The Vessel

Built in 2001	8 Cabins (4 Master, 4 Deluxe) with ensuite bathrooms
Steel Hulled Vessel	Maximum 16 Guests
L.O.A: 100 ft	11 Crew
Beam: 24 feet	Sun Deck
Maximum Speed 12 Knots	Lounge
Fuel Capacity: 7,500 gallons	2 Flat Screen TVs with Apple TV
Water Capacity: 3,500 gallons	Video & Book Library
Desalinator Production: 4,500 gallons per day	Plug Type B Electric Outlets (United States)
Compressors: two high / two low pressure	Camera Table
Voltage: 110 and 220 volts	Charging Station on Dive Deck
Navigational Aids: VHF and HI-SUB radios, GMDSS, color radar, echo sounder, Furuno GPS	Booth Style Dining
Safety Aides: EPIRB (emergency position indicator radio beacon)	Nitrox Membrane System



Communication

Cellular Phone Connection

Cell Phones with International plans will work on San Cristóbal and Santa Cruz. Available on board Galápagos Sky. Cell phones with Wi-Fi plans will work on San Cristóbal and on Santa Cruz. Please check with your cell phone carrier to ensure an International Wi-Fi plan.

Satellite Phone

To make outgoing calls to anywhere in the world, minutes can be purchased on the Galápagos Sky Satellite Phone located in the Bridge. \$3.31 per minute USD. The Captain or crew will assist with dialing out.

Guests may also bring their own personal or rented Satellite Phone which will work from the upstairs sundeck outside.

Dining/Food

All meals and snacks while aboard Galápagos Sky are included in your cruise rate. Gourmet style menus using locally sourced ingredients from providers who act sustainably are creatively prepared by our culinary school trained chefs. Depending on the dive schedule, either a full breakfast will be served first thing in the morning, or light continental breakfast followed by a dive then a full breakfast will be served. Breakfast and lunch are buffet style. Dinner is fine plated. Your dinner order will be taken in the morning. Snacks are provided through the day. Chips, crackers and cookies are available on the bar. Ecuadorian and International cuisine is served.

Special Requests

Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, No Seafood, Kosher, Dairy Free, etc dietary preferences can be accommodated, please note when completing your Application. Please note that Kosher requests must be received 60 days prior to departure.

Sustainable Foods

25 percent of our food comes from the Galapagos and almost 52 percent is organic. We mainly source fruits and vegetables from San Cristobal and meats and dairy from Santa Cruz Island.

Dress/Attire

All meals are casual, comfortable attire. Please note that the temperature in the dining room and main salon is kept cool.

Beverages/Open Bar

Wine, beer, liquor, spirits, coffee, tea, water, juice, sodas are included in your cruise rate.

Galápagos Sky does have a full bar. Premium wines and liquors available for purchase. Your first drink of the day marks your last dive of the day. Your bar tab for premium wines and liquors will be kept and payment can be made on the final day of the cruise. Filtered water is available to fill reusable water bottles, we encourage guests to bring their favorite reusable bottle to reduce use of single use plastics.

Emergency Contact

For friends and family of traveling guests who wish to get a message to a passenger on board the Galápagos Sky, please call our Miami Sales office Monday thru Friday 9am - 5 pm EST, during regular business hours at (305) 262-3483 or toll free in the United States only (877) 323-3483. If after hours Monday - Friday or on weekends, please email info@GalapagosSky.com or help@ecoventura.com and your message will be forwarded to the boat and guest as soon as possible.

Electricity

110/AC 60 cycle Type B (same as in North and Central America) with some 220 outlets on the dive deck. The main lounge area and all cabins have Type B outlets.



Laundry Services

Because we operate in the Galapagos Marine Reserve, we do not offer laundry services on board. Laundry services are available in town in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno and Puerto Ayora.

Dive Deck

Galápagos Sky's dive deck was designed with diver's needs in mind. Camera table, charging station for camera batteries, hot showers, bathroom, separate rinse bins for wetsuits and separate rinse bins for cameras. Each dive station has individual bin storage under the seat. Dive deck towels are labeled with numbers to coordinate with the diver's seat location. Towels are heated.

Our crew is very experienced and helpful with gear donning, mask rinsing, hanging wetsuits, etc.

Cabin Types and Amenities

4 DELUXE CABINS	4 MASTER CABINS	
Two Twin Beds	One King Bed or Two Twin Beds	
		
Deluxe Cabin - Two Twin Beds	Master Cabin - One King Bed	Master Cabin - Two Twin Beds
Lower Deck Double Occupancy with Private Bathroom. Porthole Window	Upper Deck Double Occupancy with Private Bathroom. Picture Window	Upper Deck Double Occupancy with Private Bathroom. Picture Window
Two Twin Beds 77 inches / 196 cm long and 32 inches / 81 cm wide	One King Bed is 77 inches / 196 cm long and 78 inches / 198 cm wide	Two Twin Beds 77 inches / 196 cm long and 38 inches / 97 cm wide
Cabins 5, 6, 7 & 8	Cabins 1, 2, 3 & 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cabins have private ensuite bathrooms which are supplied with all linens, robes and towels. • Hairdryer, environmentally friendly soap, shampoo & conditioner provided. • 110/AC 60 cycle Type B (North and Central America) • Evening turndown service is provided. 		

Conservation

Galapagos Sky is dedicated to responsible tourism.

Ecoventura and Galapagos Sky have created a partnership with the Charles Darwin Foundation and the Galapagos National Park GNPD to support research and conservation projects directly related to biodiversity conservation – including research and monitoring trips, community outreach, scientific equipment, boat maintenance, and education through scholarships for Galapaguenos to study at a local university. 100% of proceeds from select charters on Galapagos Sky and the ORIGIN are donated to support the fund.

Bottled water - Single use plastic water bottles are being phased out in Galapagos. Please help eliminate the use of single use plastic water bottles by bringing your own reusable water bottle. We provide filtered water in the lounge area and on the dive deck. Our crew will gladly wash your personal bottle upon request.

Recycling - Please help us on board by separating out your garbage, recyclables and organics/food waste. In our lounge area and on the sun deck you will find separate bins for each. Please know that our crew also separates out recyclables, batteries, oils and food waste in our very best efforts to protect the Galapagos Islands.

Please consider the environment when packing for Galapagos. No plastic wrappers, bags, straws or styrofoam into the islands please.

Reducing the use of Plastic in Galapagos

The Minister of the Governing Council of Galapagos has resolutions in place that restrict the use of certain plastics in Galapagos In early 2017. Ecoventura decided to restrict the use of plastics on board all the vessels and successfully banned the use of plastic straws and single-use plastic bottles on board.

We are conscious of the damage plastics can cause, which is why we started this initiative and are already working on making more changes for the future.

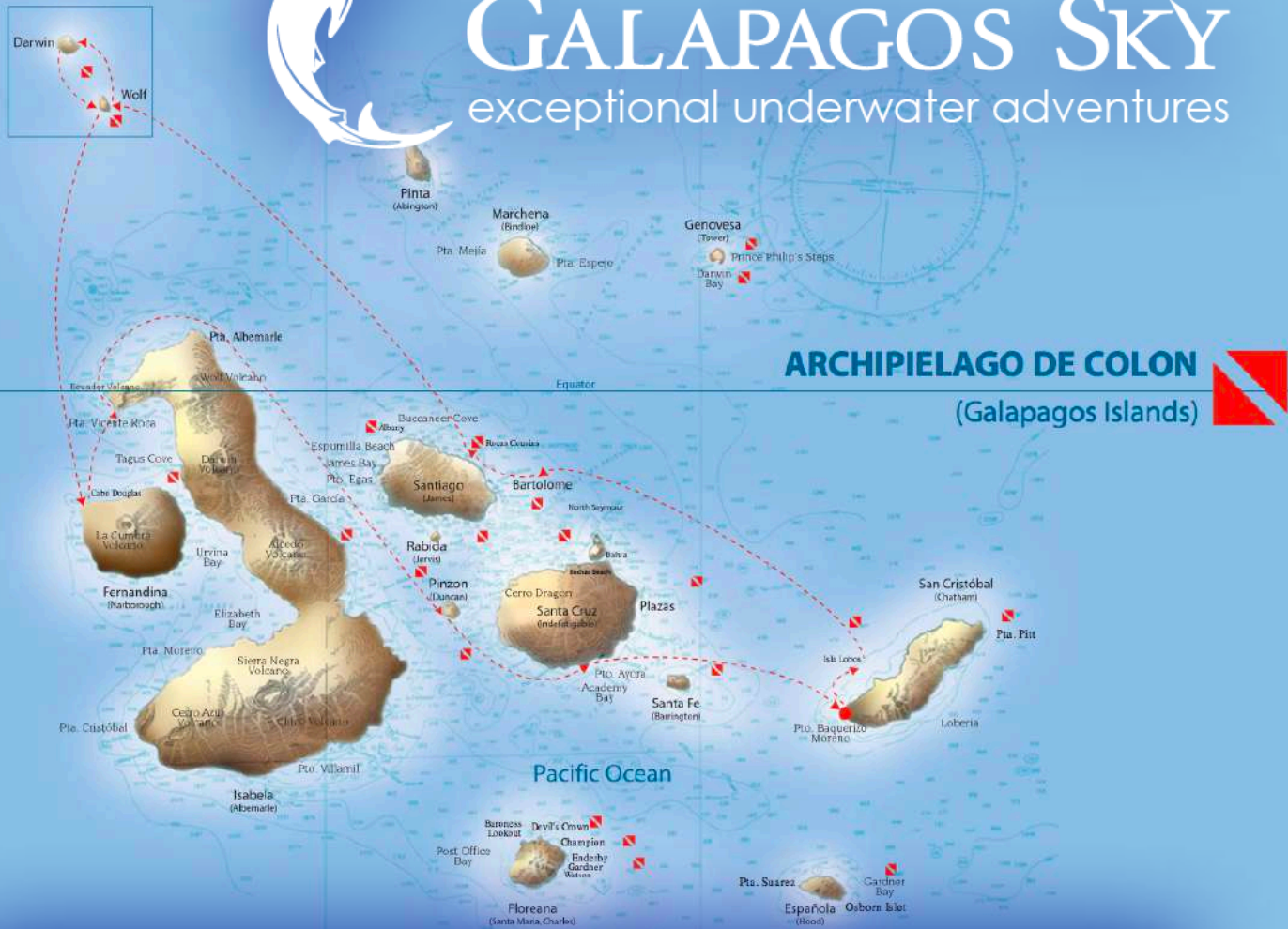
Refuse  Reduce  Reuse  Recycle 

Protecting the land and marine environments in Galápagos is crucial to its future.



GALAPAGOS SKY

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ARCHIPIELAGO DE COLON

(Galapagos Islands)



Day	Activity	Location	Water Temperature	Depths
Sunday	Embark	Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristobal		
	Check Out Dive	Isla Lobos	77-70 °F 25-21 °C	15-20 ft or 5-6 m
Monday	1 Dive	Bartolomé	75-70 °F 24-21 °C	30-65 ft or 9-20 m
	Land Tour	Bartolomé		
	2 Dives	Cousins Rock	75-70 °F 24-21 °C	60-75 ft or 18-23 m
Tuesday	4 Dives (night dive)	Wolf	80-73 °F 26-22 °C	60-100 ft or 18-30 m
Wednesday	4 Dives	Darwin	80-73 °F 26-22 °C	60-100 ft or 18-30 m
Thursday	2 Dives	Darwin	80-73 °F 26-22 °C	60-100 ft or 18-30 m
	1 Dive	Wolf	80-73 °F 26-22 °C	60-100 ft or 18-30 m
Friday	Marine Iguana Dive	Cabo Douglas	69-55 °F 21-13 °C	10-15 ft or 3-5 m
	2 Dives	Punta Vicente Roca	69-55 °F 21-13 °C	70-100 ft or 21-30 m
Saturday	1 Dive	Pinzón	75-70 °F 24-21 °C	60-80 ft or 18-24 m
	Land Tour	Galapagos Tortoise Reserve/Time in Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz		
	Optional Disembark	Guests with plans on Santa Cruz may opt to disembark early		
Sunday	Land Tour	Interpretation Center, San Cristobal		
	Disembark	Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristobal		

Packing List

Personal Items	Clothing
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport - Must be valid for 6 months after travel date	<input type="checkbox"/> Shirts (short and/or long sleeved)
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa if required	<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative RT-PCR Test taken within 10 days of arrival to Ecuador, Negative RT-PCR Test taken with 96 hours of arrival to the Galapagos Islands	<input type="checkbox"/> Long pants, lightweight, quick drying
<input type="checkbox"/> Dive Certification Card(s) highest training level and Nitrox Certification Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Swim Suits
<input type="checkbox"/> Dive accident insurance card	<input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash (USD) Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jacket/Sweatshirt for cool evening breezes and cooler temps in dining room
<input type="checkbox"/> Medications/Prescriptions	<input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes (hiking boots/shoes are <u>not</u> required for land excursions)
<input type="checkbox"/> PPE Mask	<input type="checkbox"/> Hat
<input type="checkbox"/> Reusable Water Bottle	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses
<input type="checkbox"/> Soft Sided Luggage (preferred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robes provided in cabins.
<input type="checkbox"/> Power Adapters if needed	Personal Care
	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/toothpaste
	<input type="checkbox"/> Feminine products
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shaving kit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reef-Safe sunscreen
	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasick medications or methods
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmentally friendly soap, shampoo & hair conditioner provided.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hairdryer, towels, linens provided in cabins.
Scuba Gear	
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulator (Yoke or DIN 1st Stage, Primary and Secondary 2nd Stages)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gauges - Pressure and Depth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dive Computer (required)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Up Dive Computer (highly recommended)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetsuit 7mm or Drysuit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Vest - Hood - Thermal Layering Garments (highly recommended, not available in rental)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves 1-2 mm (required, not available in rental)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mask	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snorkel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fins / Booties	
<input type="checkbox"/> Log Book	
<input type="checkbox"/> SMB - Surface Marker	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dive Lights/Torches/Tank Marker (not available in rental)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Save a Dive kit	

Please consider the environment with all items you bring into Galápagos.

Take only pictures and memories!
Leave only bubbles!



Galápagos National Park and Marine Reserve

Galápagos National Park (Parque Nacional Galápagos) was established in 1959 and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

You will be visiting and diving in the Galápagos National Park and diving in the Galápagos Marine Reserve which is the second largest Marine Reserve in the world and has the highest abundance of sharks on earth. We encourage our guests to educate themselves about the Park and Marine Reserve prior to visiting the islands. Protecting the land and marine environments in Galápagos is crucial to its future.

Drone Use Prohibited

The use of drones is strictly prohibited in the Galapagos Islands without a permit from the Galapagos National Park. Please note that if a guest brings a drone on board Galapagos Sky without a proper permit, they will not be allowed to use it. We are unable to assist with obtaining drone permits.

Rules of the Galapagos National Park

- 1 Visitors to any protected areas within the Galapagos National Park must be accompanied by a naturalist guide authorized by the GNPDP.
- 2 Travel only with tour operators and/or boats authorized to work in the protected areas of Galapagos.
- 3 Remain on marked trails at visitor sites and respect signs at all times for the protection of wildlife, and for your safety.
- 4 Maintain a distance of at least six feet (two meters) from wildlife to avoid disturbing them, even if they approach you.
- 5 Never feed wildlife, as this can cause health problems.
- 6 Flash photography is not permitted when taking photos of wildlife. Professional photography and videos recorded for commercial purposes must be authorized by the GNPDP.
- 7 Camping is only allowed in a few authorized areas in the Islands. Request authorization to camp at the Galapagos National Park's offices at least 48 hours in advance.
- 8 It is your responsibility not to introduce food, animals, or plants into the Archipelago. Cooperate fully with all environmental inspection and quarantine officials during your visit.
- 9 Do not take or buy any products or souvenirs made from banned substances, including black coral, shells, lava rock, animal parts, or any native wood or vegetation prior to leaving Galapagos. This is illegal and must be reported.
- 10 Practice "leave-no-trace" principals in order to maintain the beauty of the environment.
- 11 Pack out all trash and dispose of or recycle it in the populated areas or on your tour boat.
- 12 Smoking and/or campfires are strictly prohibited within the Galapagos National Park, as fires poses a serious risk to the flora and fauna of Galapagos.
- 13 Fishing is only permitted on recreational tour boats authorized by the GNPDP.
- 14 Motorized aquatic sports, mini subs, and aerial tourism activities are not permitted in the Galapagos National Park or Marine Reserve.



*From all of us at Divencounters, Inc,
Galápagos Sky, the Captains and crew wish you an
amazing adventure in Galapagos, exciting diving
and we look forward to having you on board!!!*

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