



Protocols for Entry to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands

Easy entry guidelines for international tourists.

All nationalities welcome
No restrictions for American passport holders

Dear Guests and Partners

The guidelines described in this document establish the responsibilities and activities to be carried out for the process of entry and / or exit of passengers to the Galapagos province, within the framework of the Health Emergency by COVID-19.

- 1.** All travelers must have a reservation for tourist services arranged and confirmed prior to their arrival (Booking confirmation).
- 2.** A safe passage form for all travelers entering the Galapagos Islands is required. Your tour operator or hotel hosting the stay will provide this.
- 3.** Travelers entering the country of Ecuador through the international airports of Quito or Guayaquil must have a negative RT-PCR test result done within a maximum of 10 days before arrival.
- 4.** But, please note that to enter the Galapagos, travelers must have a negative RT-PCR test result done within a maximum of 96 hours prior to their arrival. In case the original 10-day RT-PCR test presented at arrival in Ecuador was done outside of the 96 hours timeframe, an additional test will be required in Ecuador before traveling to the Galapagos Islands.
- 5.** If the 96 hour RT-PCR test is required, Pikaia Lodge will assist you with a recommended private authorized medical center in Guayaquil (www.interlabsa.com/interlab) and in Quito (www.ecua-american.com), which can be done at the airport on arrival or hotel with an previously arranged appointment. Results will be released within 24 hours and will be sent via email.
- 6.** Cost of testing will be the guest's responsibility and can be paid with major credit cards.
- 7.** Testing for children under the age of 11 is not necessary.
- 8.** All passengers must fill in a declaration of health set out by the Ministry of Public Health.
- 9.** Before traveling to Galapagos Islands, tourists must follow normal airline, security and immigration procedures.
- 10.** Guests will have to register and pay the Galapagos transit card at Quito or Guayaquil Airport. Pikaia Lodge will arrange the payment of the Galapagos National Park fee on behalf of the guests to avoid any cash transactions. The \$100 fee will be included in their invoice.
- 11.** Before arrival, all passengers must have a comprehensive health insurance, which includes evacuation and air transfers to mainland Ecuador. They should also carry a copy of their policy with them.

These regulations noted above have been put in place by the Republic of Ecuador government authorities, including the ministry of Public Health and ministry of Tourism. In order to decrease the risk and prevent further cases of COVID-19 in the country and in the delicate ecosystem of Galapagos, these procedures must be obliged by all travellers. As we take another step further into the new norm, it is vital to understand and accept the restrictions before embarking on your trip.

We hope to see you soon!

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