

## GALAPAGOS NATIONAL PARK RULES

This is by far the most pristine archipelago in the tropics. The Galapagos Islands have achieved an excellent conservation status thanks to the government of Ecuador who decided, since 1968, to make the Galapagos conservation and restoration a National priority. The National Park area constitutes more than 95% of the total landmass of the Islands!

In order to help us preserve this unique paradise, please follow these simple rules:

1. Stay with your group and naturalist guide at all times. Always follow the directions given by your naturalist.
2. Walk only on the marked trail and be careful and quiet as you move through the islands.
3. Be careful not to transport any live material (animals or plants) to the islands or from island to island (insects, seeds, soil). To reduce the risk of moving living organisms between islands we are not allowed to take any food to our visits.
4. No plants, rocks, animals or their remains, such as bones, pieces of wood, feathers, rocks, sand, corals, shells, or other natural objects should be collect, moved or disturbed. You may damage the islands ecological conditions.
5. Nothing may be removed from the islands. Take back home great memories and pictures only.
6. Animals should not be touched or handled. Do not disturb or pursue any animal from its resting or nesting spot. The best is always to be passive with wildlife, if you blend in as much as you can you will have a better experience and generate less impact on the animals.
7. Keeping a distance of at least to 2 meters (7 feet) from all animals.
8. Clean your shoes, snorkel equipment, or before and after the visit at the islands.
9. When photographing animals turn off your flash.
10. Do not litter visitors sites or ocean. Please, do not hesitate to show your conservation attitude and pick up any litter you encounter.
11. Building fire or smoking within the areas of the Park is not allowed.