

## ***Galapagos Master - Galapagos Itinerary***



On a typical day we offer up to 4 day dives however the 4th day dive may be substituted for a night dive when the boat is anchored within a sheltered cove. A 7-night itinerary provides for between 18-20 dives, whilst during our 10-night itineraries, up to 30 dives will be possible.

The diving day aboard the *Galapagos Master* is scheduled as follows:-

Light Breakfast followed by a briefing and Dive 1 Full Breakfast, relaxation period, briefing and Dive 2 Lunch, relaxation period, briefing and Dive 3 Snack relaxation period, briefing and Dive 4, where possible Dinner

To allow our guests to explore the Galapagos to its fullest, on days 2, 7 and 10, dives 3 and 4 will be substituted by an island visits at North Seymour, Santa Cruz or Isla Isabela.

Diving in the Galapagos can be challenging, even for the experienced diver. At many sites currents can be strong and visibility may diminish due to currents and an influx of nutrients. We highly recommend our guests have training beyond beginner level and a minimum experience of 50 dives, preferably in similar conditions.

Water temperature ranges from 21-30°C (70-86°F) between December and May when manta rays are more commonly sighted. However it drops to an average of 16-24°C (60-75°F) between June and November when the Humboldt Current comes up from the south, bringing with it plankton; making this the best time for seeing whale sharks. Thermoclines can also be expected and divers are advised to bring suitable thermal protection.

## **FAQ's**

### **Can I dive with Nitrox?**

Yes. All Nitrox qualified divers may opt to dive with nitrox for an additional charge of US\$150 for 7-night trips and \$200 for 10-night trips.

### **I am not Nitrox certified. May I take a nitrox course whilst on board?**

We do not currently offer any dive training courses aboard the Galapagos Master. For those wishing to take a nitrox certification course we recommend you contact your local dive centre or consider PADI e-learning.

### **What should I bring with me?**

Liveaboard lifestyle is relaxed and informal. Essential items include T-shirts, shorts, swim wear, long trousers / sarong/ long skirt, sturdy footwear for island visits and a warm jacket or pullover for cooler nights. Shower gel is provided on board, however guests should bring any hair care or personal beauty products they require, along with sunscreen. We have a fully stocked first aid kit on board, but guests should bring any personal prescription medications with them (with doctor's note).

### **Can I rent scuba equipment whilst aboard?**

Yes. We offer Aqualung BCD, regulator, wetsuit, mask/snorkel and fins for rental on board. Prices per item vary however we also offer a package price of US\$40 per day of diving. Computer and Torch(flashlight) may also be rented for a daily fee of US\$5 per item.

### **Must I pay National Park fees?**

Yes. All visitors to the Galapagos are required to pay fees to enter the national park. These consist of US\$100 National Park Fee (payable at San Cristobal Airport), US\$10 Ingala Transfer Card (Payable at Guayacil Airport) and US\$35 Hyperbaric Chamber Fee (Payable on board the Galapagos Master).

**I'm travelling alone. Must I pay a single supplement or may I share a cabin?**

For solo travelers we offer 2 options. You may choose to have a cabin for yourself for which we charge a single supplement of 100% of the cabin cost. However if you wish to share a cabin, we will place you in a twin cabin with a member of the same sex. We do not mix cabins without express permission of both guests.

**Must I spend an additional night in Ecuador either side of my liveaboard trip?**

We recommend guests spend an additional night either side of their trip to ensure they are well rested for the diving ahead. Most international flights arrive into Guayaquil after the domestic connection to San Cristobal has departed, making an overnight stay a necessity. However the domestic departure is in the morning of disembarkation allowing time for guests to make an international connection. We do advise allowing plenty of time for transfers, check-in and potential flight delays.

**Do I need dive insurance?**

Yes. All divers travelling aboard the Galapagos Master must ensure they are fully covered for all diving accident and emergency situations, including coverage for air evacuation. We also strongly advise our guests to obtain comprehensive travel insurance to cover against unforeseeable delays and potential missed flight connections.

For more information

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