



GALAPAGOS

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS



CAMPUS USFQ
Cumbayá - Pichincha



TIPUTINI BIODIVERSITY STATION
Amazon Forest



CAMPUS GALAPAGOS
San Cristobal - Galápagos

Welcome to Ecuador!

We hope you enjoy your stay in this magical country!

The Office of International Programs has prepared this small guide to give you tips and important information for **USFQ Galapagos and Galapagos Science Center.**

We are more than happy to assist you in anything you may need during your visit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,
USFQ Team



Ecuador

Straddling the equator in western South America, Ecuador has territories in both the Northern and the Southern hemispheres. It borders Colombia to the north and shares a border with Peru to the south and to the east. The Pacific Ocean is Ecuador's western border.

Ecuador is geographically divided into four regions (the Amazon, the Highlands, the Coast, and the Galapagos Islands) and is politically split into 24 provinces. Ecuador is a multiethnic and multicultural nation, with a population of more than 16 million people.



ABOUT

USFQ Galapagos





Campus and GSC

USFQ opened its Galapagos extension in 2002 to promote academic research, conservation, and development programs in the Galapagos Islands

Located in San Cristobal Island, this campus offers multiple academic programs for local academia, international exchange and research collaborations. Our campus is located in front Playa Mann, a wonderful beach ideal for swimming, surfing, and snorkeling with dozens of exotic fish species and sea lions.

Galapagos Science Center

In 2011, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito USFQ in Ecuador founded the Galapagos Science Center (GSC) to advance science and conservation in the Galapagos Islands and to extend a richer, more complete understanding of island ecosystems and the threats to their sustainability to the world.

We offer different research opportunities and campus tours. Please contact us for more information.





Itinerary

Dates & Prices

Tentative dates: Thursday, October 9th to 12th
Thursday, October 16th to 19th

Minimum Pax: 4 pax

Price per pax: \$1,750

Tax, Ticket, Hotel 3-stars, Tours and Transportation Included

Tentative itinerary

Hour / Date	Thursday, October 9/16	Friday, October 10/17	Saturday, October 11/18	Sunday, October 12/19
Morning 7:30	Travel to Galapagos			
Afternoon 14:30	Tour USFQ Galapagos Campus, GSC and Darwin Bay Hike	Kicker Rock full day tour	Highlands in San Cristobal: Junco Lagoon, Galapaguera, and Puerto Chino	Return To Quito
Night 20:00	Free Night	Free Night	Free Night	N/A

For more information regarding tours and meals, please schedule a meeting.





ABOUT

Galapagos



Galapagos Islands

Ecuador

World Cultural Heritage Site declared by **UNESCO** in 1978

The Enchanted Archipelago features some of the world's most unique endemic **wildlife** species and wonderful landscapes that continually rank among the world's best.

Time Zone: GMT-6

Weather

Warm Season/ Rainy Season (Dec - May).

Average on land temperature: 70 - 80 °F

Average water temperature: 70 °F

Cold Season/ Dry Season (Jun - Nov).

Average on land temperature: 60 - 70 °F

Average water temperature: 66 °F

Travel to Galapagos Islands

Arrive at Quito Airport 2-3 hours before the flight.



Galapagos Packing List



Original Passport



Sneakers/Hiking Shoes



Backpack



Water Bottle



Hat or Cap



Sunglasses



Light rain jacket



Sunblock 30+ SPF
and Bug Spray



Lightweight
shorts & t-shirts



Sandals



Swimsuits



Quick-dry towel

Traveling to Galapagos

Ecuador

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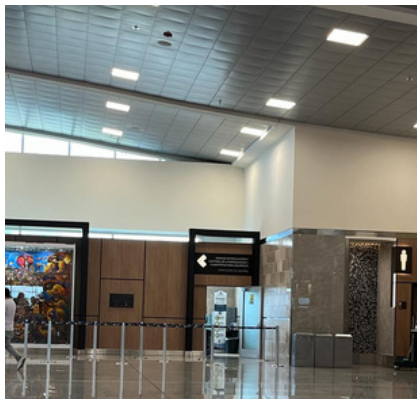
Get your TCT: \$20 cash only.

You will be asked to show:

- Passport
- Passerby/Transeunte (if applicable)
- Flight and hotel information.

You will be given a brown card (TCT), keep it on hand for check in and boarding

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All checked bags must go through the ABC stand. They will be disinfected and sealed with a blue strap. Make sure you get the blue seal for every bag you check. Proceed to the airline check-in counter.

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Drop of your luggage and get your flight ticket in the airline counter, proceed to the boarding gates.

Travel Tips

To Galapagos Islands

Important documents for your flight

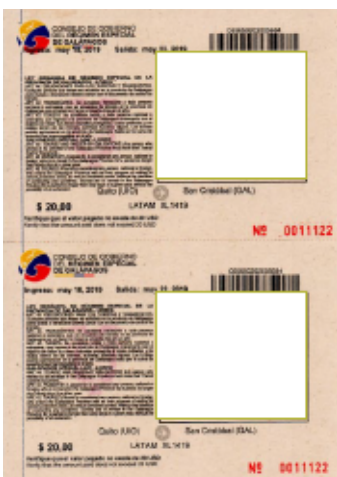
- TCT Card* given in the airport
- Transeunte (printed & digital copy) *if applicable
- Original Passport

Airport in Galapagos

Once you land in the Galapagos you will be required to present the documents above.

***If you don't have the Passerby, you must pay the \$200 International Tourist Entrance Fee to the National Park (cash only).*

Important > TCT Card



Please double check the departing date stated matches your flight.

You must save the TCT until your departure day from Galapagos, it will be asked at the counter before you enter the boarding gate.



Transportation Tips

For Galapagos Islands

Taxis in Galapagos are white pick-up trucks. Cash is the only way of payment. We recommend you to have \$10 or \$5 bills or break them in stores, \$20 bills are not usually accepted.

In San Cristóbal, the taxi costs \$2 in the urban area except for Loberia (\$4) and airport (\$2,50). A one way trip to the highlands is around \$7-\$10.

There is no cellphone service in some areas around the island such as the Highlands, La Lobería or Puerto Chino, please schedule your return taxi when visiting any point.



Notes:

You can schedule your taxis in the following numbers from 6am until 8pm (the operators only speak spanish).

Option 1: +593 52520477

Option 2: +593 52520900

Option 3: +593 52520243



Galapagos Park Rules

For Galapagos Islands

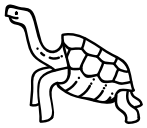
- 1** Keep a distance of 2mts/6ft from wildlife, including cameras.
- 2** Do not touch or feed the fauna.
- 3** Do not remove elements of the ecosystem.
- 4** Do not smoke, drink alcohol or make campfires.
- 5** Walk inside the marked trails.
- 6** Take pictures without flash. Professional shootings and drones need authorization.
- 7** Camp in designated sites with prior authorization.
- 8** Use authorized vivencial fishing boats.
- 9** Do not introduce external elements to the ecosystem.
- 10** Do not use motorized watercrafts, submarines, and air tourism.



Walking Tours

If you would like to book any tour or guide, you can contact Estefania for help

Tijeretas and Punta Carola:



Tijeretas offers picturesque landscapes and a creek ideal for snorkeling. Here, one can observe sea lions, sea turtles, rays, and a variety of fish. Unique to Tijeretas, visitors can also witness frigate birds nesting. After snorkeling, a trail leads to Punta Carola beach, situated northwest of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno. This 300-meter beach is surrounded by vegetation and a dry forest.

Lobería Beach:



Named for its abundance of resting sea lions on its rocks and sands, La Lobería is a coastal treasure. Featuring coral sand and sea lions, a 10-minute walk from the entrance reveals a bay perfect for safe snorkeling.

In Case of Emergencies

Hospital for emergencies in Quito

Hospital Name: Hospital De Los Valles

Phone: +593 2 297 7900

Address: Av. Interoceánica km 12.5 y Av. Florencia

Hospital for emergencies in San Cristobal

Hospital Name: Hospital Oskar Jandl

Phone: +593 (05) 252 0935

Address: Calle Jaime Roldós & Calle Juan Pablo II,
Puerto Baquerizo Moreno

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