

## Galápagos National Park Rules

All visitors to the Galápagos Islands must act responsibly and respect the unique environment at all times. The following rules are set by the Galápagos National Park Directorate (GNPD) and **must be followed during your visit**:

### 1. Authorized Travel Only

- Travel **only** with tour operators and boats that are **officially authorized** to operate in the protected areas of the Galápagos.

### 2. Guided Visits Required

- Visits to any protected areas within the National Park must be accompanied by a **GNPD-authorized naturalist guide**.

### 3. Stay on Marked Trails

- Always stay on **marked trails** at visitor sites.
- Respect all signs to protect wildlife and ensure your own safety.

### 4. Keep Your Distance

- Maintain a minimum distance of **2 meters (6 feet)** from all wildlife.
- Do **not** approach or disturb animals, even if they come near you.

### 5. Do Not Feed Wildlife

- Feeding animals is strictly **forbidden** as it harms their health and natural behaviors.

### 6. Photography Rules

- **No flash photography** when photographing wildlife.
- Professional photography or filming for commercial purposes requires **prior authorization** from the GNPD.

### 7. No Smoking or Campfires

- Smoking and campfires are **strictly prohibited** within the National Park.

### 8. Camping Restrictions

- Camping is allowed **only in a few authorized areas**.
- Permission must be requested at least **48 hours in advance** at the Galápagos National Park offices.

## 9. No Illegal Souvenirs

- Do **not** take or buy any products made from banned materials, including:
  - Black coral
  - Shells
  - Lava rocks
  - Animal parts
  - Native wood or plants
- Removing or trading these items is **illegal** and must be reported.

## 10. Prevent Introducing Foreign Elements

- It is the responsibility of every visitor to **avoid introducing foreign food, plants, or animals** to the islands.
- Fully cooperate with all **environmental inspections and quarantine officials**.

## 11. Practice Leave-No-Trace

- Help preserve the natural beauty by following [leave-no-trace](#) principles.

## 12. Trash Disposal

- Pack out all your trash and dispose of or recycle it only in populated areas or on your tour boat.

## 13. Fishing Regulations

- Fishing is allowed **only** on recreational tour boats authorized by the GNPD.

## 14. Prohibited Activities

- Motorized aquatic sports (e.g., jet skis), mini-sub, underwater scooters (DPVs), and aerial tourism activities are **not allowed** in the National Park or Marine Reserve.

By following these rules, you help protect the Galápagos Islands for future generations and ensure a safe and respectful visit for all.

# REGLAS DE VISITA DEL PARQUE NACIONAL Y RESERVA MARINA DE GALÁPAGOS

## GALAPAGOS NATIONAL PARK AND MARINE RESERVE VISITING RULES

### REGLA 1

Mantenga una distancia de 2 metros de la fauna incluida las cámaras.

Keep a distance of 2 meters from wildlife including the cameras.



RULE 1

### REGLA 2

No toque ni alimente la fauna.  
Do not touch or feed the fauna.



RULE 2

### REGLA 3

No retire elementos del ecosistema.  
Do not remove elements of the ecosystem.



RULE 3

### REGLA 4

No fume, no beba alcohol, ni haga fogatas.  
Do not smoke, drink alcohol or make campfires.



RULE 4

### REGLA 5

Camine dentro de los senderos.  
Walk on marked trails.



RULE 5

### Recuerda

Visite los sitios acompañado de un guía especializado.  
Visit protected areas with a specialized guide.



Remember

### Recuerda

No escriba frases en el entorno natural.  
Do not write on the landscape.



Remember

### REGLA 6

Tome fotos sin flash. Filmaciones profesionales y drones necesitan autorización.  
Take pictures without flash. Professional shootings and drones need authorization.



RULE 6

### REGLA 7

Acampe en los sitios designados, con autorización previa.  
Camp in designated sites prior authorization.



RULE 7

### REGLA 8

Use embarcaciones de pesca vivencial autorizadas.  
Use authorized vivencial fishing boats.



RULE 8

### REGLA 9

No introduzca elementos externos al ecosistema.  
Do not introduce external elements to the ecosystem.



RULE 9

### REGLA 10

No use vehículos acuáticos motorizados, submarinos, ni turismo aéreo.  
Do not use motorized watercrafts, submarines, and air tourism.



RULE 10

### Recuerda

Use servicios turísticos autorizados.  
Use authorized tourism services.



Remember

### Recuerda

Deje la basura clasificada en su lugar.  
Leave the classified trash in its place.



Remember