

# KEYPOINTS AND STEPS TO ENJOY HOLIDAYS IN ECUADOR & THE GALAPAGOS!

The Ecuadorian authorities recently decided to allow international travellers to freely travel in Ecuador without having to quarantine, if they can present one of the following options upon arrival; a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen test taken no longer than 72 hours before arriving in the country or a Covid-19 vaccination card showing they have had all of the necessary doses.

For now, the Galapagos Islands only accept a negative Covid-19 PCR test, as long as it was not taken more than 96 hours before travelling to the islands either from Quito or Guayaquil airports.

## THESE ARE THE NECESSARY STEPS

- Either take a Covid-19 PCR test in your country of origin (no longer than 10 days before arriving in Ecuador), or an antigen test (no longer than 72 hours before arriving in Ecuador)

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- Present your negative results on arrival or your Covid-19 vaccination card to be allowed free travel in the country and enjoy your holidays!

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- **Optional:** Take another test locally before flying to Galapagos (only if the first test was taken more than 96h before departure)

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- **Optional:** Obtain a laissez-passer issued by the local operator in order to travel to the Galapagos, and enjoy your holidays!

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## BEFORE TRAVELING TO MAINLAND ECUADOR



All passengers will be asked to sign a Special Immigration Form agreeing to obey the protocols established by the authorities as well as a Traveler Health Form that needs to be signed before disembarking the flight.



Passengers do not need to pass mandatory quarantine in Ecuador anymore, after presenting one of the following documents; the negative result of a COVID-19 PCR test (taken no longer than 10 days before arriving in Ecuador), a negative antigen test (taken no longer than 72 hours before arrival) or a Covid-19 vaccination card showing they have had all of the necessary doses.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVELING FROM THE MAINLAND TO THE GALAPAGOS:



Safe passage permit (laissez-passer) to Galapagos, issued by the tour operator.



Health Insurance.



Return flight from the Galapagos.



Negative PCR test results taken no more than 96h before flying to Galapagos

In case your holidays include a visit to the Galapagos Islands, you will need to present a PCR test taken no longer than 4 days (96h) before traveling to Galapagos. In case you fail to meet this requirement, or if your holidays include a stay in the mainland first, a second PCR test will be required before flying from the mainland to the Galapagos.

We can provide this service to guarantee a safe and convenient process and to ensure the least downtime possible: Our certified partner can take the samples at the passengers' place of accommodation and deliver the results after 24 hours, while the passengers remain at their hotels until the results are received. Once all this is obtained, passengers can safely go to Quito or Guayaquil airport in order to travel to the Galapagos.

**NOTE:** If you are traveling directly to the Galapagos with just an overnight in mainland Ecuador, and if you meet the requirement of having the test taken up to 96 hours before traveling to Galapagos, you do not need to take a second PCR test in Ecuador.

### IMPORTANT!

The flight dates to Galapagos cannot be changed after the laissez-passer has been issued, and it is not possible to have an open return flight date. Clients booking services independently will need to request an additional laissez-passer directly to the establishment where they are staying, or to the different businesses where services have been booked.

**ATC** will be happy to assist with any required additional services in the islands, such as transfers, accommodation, tours, and anything required.