

HX Pre-Departure Expedition Checklist

THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS



BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- ☐ Check in via the HX App — complete all guest information
- ☐ Submit your Ship Manifest Information Form (*>8 weeks; delays may affect travel docs*)
- ☐ Check passport validity and visa requirements
- ☐ Confirm travel insurance is in place
- ☐ Review flights and expedition itinerary (*sent ~40 days before departure*)
- ☐ Check baggage allowances and restrictions
- ☐ Download or print important travel documents
- ☐ Notify your bank of international travel (*if required*)
- ☐ Check mobile roaming options (*if required*)



DOCUMENTS & ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Passport and a copy of it (*printed or digital*)
- ☐ Travel tickets and itinerary
- ☐ Visa or permit documentation (*if required*)
- ☐ Travel insurance documents
- ☐ Credit/debit card
- ☐ Emergency contact information
- ☐ USD cash in small bills for purchases ashore



CLOTHING

- ☐ Short and long-sleeved t-shirts
- ☐ Long-sleeved UV shirt/rash vest
- ☐ Shorts and lightweight trousers
- ☐ Rain poncho
- ☐ Light, water-resistant jacket
- ☐ Swimsuit (*and extras for activities*)
- ☐ Onboard casual clothing



ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Travel adapter (*USA two-pin plug*)
- ☐ Smartphone or camera with zoom capability
- ☐ Spare batteries and memory cards
- ☐ Portable charger (power bank)
- ☐ Charging cables
- ☐ E-reader or tablet
- ☐ Waterproof phone/camera case with strap



FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Water shoes and/or sport sandals
- ☐ Lightweight walking shoes with good grip (*waterproof, with strong ankle support*)
- ☐ Comfortable onboard shoes (*e.g., flip-flops or sandals*)



ACCESSORIES

- ☐ Wide-brimmed sun hat with chin strap
- ☐ Sunglasses with UV filter lenses and strap
- ☐ Binoculars (*recommended by our Chief Scientist, M: 8x/10x, O: 32/42mm*)
- ☐ Dry bag for electronics
- ☐ Carabiner for gear (*optional*)
- ☐ Small daypack for excursions (*optional*)



HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE

- ☐ Medication (*full supply plus extras, prescriptions, and seasickness remedies if prone*)
- ☐ Reef-safe high SPF waterproof sun cream and UV lip salve
- ☐ Hand cream/moisturiser
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Insect repellent (*DEET-free recommended*)
- ☐ Anti-itch cream for insect bites
- ☐ Hydration/electrolyte tablets
- ☐ Altitude remedies/rehydration sachets



PROVIDED BY HX ON BOARD

- ☐ Lightweight drawstring backpack (*to take home*)
- ☐ Reusable Ocean Bottle (*to take home*)
- ☐ Snorkelling equipment (*subject to availability*)*
- ☐ Walking poles/activity equipment (*subject to availability*)

*We provide snorkelling gear for adults, but please bring your own if you require a special prescription and for children to ensure best fit and comfort.