

Entry to Galapagos

To travel to Galapagos, guests must transit through Ecuador (either Guayaquil or Quito). Covid entry regulations differ between mainland Ecuador and Galapagos.

To enter Ecuador, passengers must have a medical certificate with a negative Covid-19 RT-PCR or rapid antigen test taken at most 72 hours before flight departure. Travelers with proof of a full vaccine dose may enter without a negative test. Travelers diagnosed with COVID-19, with the onset of symptoms more than 1 month before travel and who continue to have a positive PCR test result, may enter with a medical certificate confirming their good health.

To enter Galapagos, passengers must have a medical certificate with a negative Covid-19 RT-PCR test taken at most 96 hours before arrival. Please note, rapid antigen tests are not accepted for entry into Galapagos.

Where guests are able to obtain a rapid turn-around RT-PCR test in their home country, it is feasible that they could arrive in Galapagos within 96 hours of the test being taken. However, this rule is strictly enforced, so where rapid results are not possible, or the flight into Galapagos arrives close to the 96-hour cut-off time, we would advise guests to take a second test on arrival in Ecuador.

RT-PCR tests are available on arrival at Guayaquil or Quito airports, and cost around \$120. Guests will then need to stay in a hotel for 48-hours to await their test results. Once received, they can continue on to Galapagos.

We recommend you consider Master Liveaboard's [Accommodation/Test Package](#) to make the logistics of this easier.

In addition, travel insurance and a completed Health Declaration Form must be presented on arrival. This can be downloaded [here](#).

Return to the US

For guests returning to the USA, proof of a negative covid rapid antigen test is required to board the international flight. This can be taken either at the departures hall at the airport (results available in 30-minutes to 1 hour), or at your hotel in Guayaquil or Quito. The cost is \$80.

Travel Insurance

As with all trips, we strongly advise you to purchase travel insurance that will cover you for problems with any of the above logistics. Bluewater's preferred insurance partner is ArchRoamright. You can read about their policies [here](#), or call them toll-free on 1-866-891-6614 for more information.