**Galapagos suggested packing list**

* A few items to start thinking about acquiring:
  1. **Wetsuit**
     + Supposedly not absolutely necessary, water temp. 74oF, helps with intense equatorial sun as well
       - Everyone on the 2022 trip had one and **nearly everyone was still cold a lot of the time**, sometimes really cold. I wouldn’t consider going without one.
       - From tour agency: **It is not ultimately necessary to wear a wetsuit when swimming** or snorkeling in Galapagos, but for the most enjoyable experience we strongly recommend you use one.
     + 3 mm
     + Full body (full sleeve arms and legs) or shorty (short sleeves). Mine is full body for sun, shorty’s are more commonly used at these water temps. I was always comfortable with full body 3 mm
     + One I use:
       - $58.87, free shipping, Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B08DV4GGVJ/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_asin\_title\_o07\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1
  2. **Snorkel and mask** 
     + Absolutely necessary
     + Any style will do
     + I use this one, paid a lot more than the ones I usually use, not certain it’s better but it’s good:
       - $31.02, free shipping, Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B081SW2T4L/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_asin\_title\_o07\_s01?ie=UTF8&psc=1
  3. **Comfortable shoes for hiking** 
     + Normal athletic shoes should be fine, longest hike should be 11 miles, good quality trail.
  4. **Water shoes** or maybe Teva style sandals for snorkeling, I use water shoes. Rocky coral or boulders so some foot protection is good. Also always felt like sea lions were going to bite my feet.
  5. **Other items** I will use, completely optional, only offered as suggestions:
     + Dry fit clothes
     + Sun protection hat
       - I like these: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07QWX11DB/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_asin\_title\_o04\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1
     + Long sleeve quick dry UV shirt
       - https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0727Q1D66/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_asin\_title\_o00\_s05?ie=UTF8&psc=1
     + Neck gaiter: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00WFY8W86/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_asin\_title\_o09\_s01?ie=UTF8&psc=1
     + Sunscreen
       - Whatever you need, for me it’s 50 SPF or greater, broad spectrum, water resistant for 80 minutes or more. The sun is intense, almost directly under equator.
     + Large (128 and 256) micro SD cards for GoPro and/or phone
       - Slow internet access may mean videos must be stored locally until back at airport in Ecuador where uploads are possible, easy to run out of space.
         * https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07FCR3316/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_asin\_title\_o02\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1
     + Good waterproof case for phone?
* When you want to start thinking about packing:
  1. Recommend (not require) largest permitted carry on size suitcase (22 x 14 x 9 inches)
     + We will check these (so sunscreen, other liquids will be fine) and they can zip out to be somewhat larger. However, we will constantly be moving so having a huge suitcase to me seems awkward.
     + Could certainly use a backpacking backpack instead
  2. Normal size backpack, not backpacking size (this must fit all airline free carry on limits)
     + This will allow you to carry the rest of your items and serve in daily use (remove most items and take what you need for hiking, snorkeling, etc.)
* Your international airfare with LATAM includes 1 checked bag, **max 23 kilograms (50 pounds** and one free carry on (small backpack).