

# Galapagos Aggressor I & II

## TENTATIVE RESERVATION PLANNER



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### **Deposit Policy:**

**Individuals:** 40% of the charter rate is due within 14 days of the reservation. Final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

**Groups (1/2 boat or more):** A non-refundable, non transferable deposit of \$1500 accompanied by a signed contract is required within 14 days of the reservation. Reservation will only be confirmed with signed contract.

**Cruise Application/Waiver Policy:** The Cruise Application/Waiver is found on our website by going to 'Downloads'. It must be fully completed, signed (digitally or manually) and received by the Reservations Center at least ninety (90) days prior to departure date. Many Aggressor destinations are required to submit passenger information for itinerary approval. Passengers who fail to comply will be canceled and denied boarding. If a reservation is made (90) days or less prior to the charter date, completed and signed Cruise Application/ Waiver must accompany full payment in accordance with the payment policies to confirm reservation.

**Final Documents Package:** After receipt of your final payment, you will receive a **final documents package**. This package contains luggage tags which will help the crew identify your bags. Prior to your departure, please download a current "**Know Before You Go**" by going to [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com) to the "Download" section of the website. You will not receive a voucher as proof of payment for the charter.

Visit [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com) for more details on the Deposit, Cancellation and Cruise Application/Waiver policies.

*The following information is important.  
Please read carefully*

### ARRIVAL TO ECUADOR

Guests must arrive in Ecuador **one day prior** to the yachts' departure to meet the flight schedule to Galapagos from the mainland. Your travel arrangements should include a **one-night stay-over** in Guayaquil prior to the yacht's departure. We recommend flying into Guayaquil, rather than Quito, prior to your charter due to the airline's schedule. A one-night stay-over, in either Guayaquil or Quito, is also required **after** the charter. Quito offers many touring opportunities after your charter.

The Galapagos Aggressor I and II operate out of San Cristobal year round. On the day of departure to the Galapagos Aggressors, guests should be at the airport in Guayaquil or Quito 1 1/2 hours prior to departure. Passengers who are not at the airport 1 1/2 hours prior to the flight departure will be considered a "No Show" and will incur additional penalties and possibly lose their seat.

### ECUADOR AIRLINE DEPARTURE

On the local flight to San Cristobal on AeroGal, passengers are allowed a carryon bag of 10kg (22 lbs) and 35 kg. (75 lbs) of checked luggage. Any luggage over 35 kg. is subject to an excess baggage fee. It can be inconsistent whether you are charged or not. Continental only allows 2 checked bags on return flights to the US. For the San Cristobal charter, AeroGal flight departure time in Quito is 9:45 a.m., while Guayaquil departures to Galapagos are at 11:15 a.m. (**please confirm prior to leaving for your trip as times are subject to change without notice from the airline**) Prior to check-in at the airline ticket counter at the Quito or Guayaquil Airport, you are required to pay \$10 (cash) for the Control Visitors Card to INGALA (Galapagos National Institute). Once you arrive at the Galapagos Airport, you will be asked to pay the \$100 USD National Park fee. Please keep the Park fee receipt. A uniformed Aggressor Guide will be there to welcome you, take care of your luggage, and transport you to the yacht. If you plan to make your own way to the Galapagos Aggressors it is necessary to call the Galapagos Aggressors office in Guayaquil Ph: 011-593-4268-1950, Cell: 011-593-98418853 or 011-593-98418853 to advise them of your plans. In case of flight problems please call any of these numbers to inform the staff.

### GALAPAGOS DIVING CONDITIONS

The water of the Galapagos Islands are a unique mixture of warm and cold water, ranging between 65° and 85°F, with thermoclines about 65°F. We recommend a 5- 7mm wetsuit with hood, booties and gloves year round. The cruises to some of the islands may be rough, particularly the northern

route. We recommend you take precautions against motion sickness.

The diving in Galapagos can be strenuous due to the currents and surge, varying water temperatures, limited visibility, and diving from dinghies. The best diving around the Galapagos Islands is made possible through the use of dinghies (or inflatables) manned by Galapagos Aggressor crewmembers. There is very little diving from the mothership. Please see the "Captain's Log" page on our website for current diving conditions.

### **PASSPORTS, DOCUMENTATION, C-CARDS, AND DIVE THE WORLD CLUB**

Visitors must have a current passport for a minimum of 6 months, adequate funds to support themselves and a return airline ticket to travel to Galapagos. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel to the destination and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information. *The Reservations Center cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.*

Remember to bring your C-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a repeat guest you are automatically enrolled in the Dive the World Club and will receive 10% off on-board services. Membership is indicated on the rooming list.

### **WAIVER & INSURANCE**

Each guests must complete a Cruise Application & Waiver Form prior to departure. It must be received by the Aggressor Fleet Reservations Center at least 90 days from departure date or you will be canceled. Many Aggressors require passenger information in advance to apply for cruise itinerary and permits. You may complete this online by going to our website and locating the document under "Downloads".

We highly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive dive, accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation insurance when your reservation is made. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip. Insurance companies sell different layers of insurance which you should fully research and decide what is right for you. Visit our website for more information.

### **COURSES, RENTAL GEAR, NITROX**

Please see our "Certification Courses and Rentals" in our catalogue or visit our website for specialty courses, scuba rental, UW digital camera rental prices, and information.

### **COMMUNICATIONS IN GALAPAGOS**

The Galapagos Aggressors are in constant communication with the Guayaquil Office. In the event of any emergency, your family and friends may contact you by calling the local Ecuador office during business hours. The office is open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. local time. To dial

direct from North America, the telephone number is 011-593-4268-1950, 011-593-98418853, Cell # 011-593-9987-8774 fax: 011-593-4268-1955, email: [info@galapagos-aggressor.com](mailto:info@galapagos-aggressor.com).

If you are onboard the Galapagos Aggressors and wish to contact your home or office, you may do so through the cell phone, satellite phone or satellite e-mail. There is a charge for incoming and outgoing calls and e-mails.

### **FEES & TAXES**

The following fees and taxes are not included in your charter price: \$100.00 Galapagos Park Entry fee (**cash only**); \$10.00 Control Visitors Card (Paid prior to airline check-in at the Quito or Guayaquil Airport); \$26.00 International Departure Tax Guayaquil (due at check-in to flights out of the country) and 12% Ecuadorian sales tax on onboard services. \**Taxes and fees are subject to change without notice and they are not included in the charter price.*

### **SHIPS BOUTIQUE AND CREDIT CARDS**

There is a mini-boutique with assorted t-shirts, shorts, batteries and miscellaneous items. Due to the uncertainty of availability in Galapagos, we highly recommend you bring extra batteries, CD's and supplies you will need. The Galapagos Aggressors accept American Express, Visa, and MasterCard for onboard purchases. Personal checks are not accepted.

### **WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday afternoon the Galapagos Aggressor I and II stop at Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz to provision for the next week. Guests may visit the Charles Darwin Research Station. The Galapagos Aggressors' crew hosts a cocktail party for you this evening. Dinner is not served on board which is the only meal not provided with the cruise. The crew will recommend a restaurant in town. You should have cash as many restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards. The Aggressors depart Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz late Wednesday night back to port for a Thursday morning departure.

### **TIPS ONBOARD**

Gratuities are voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. When settling your account on the final day of the trip, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew.

### **CHECKOUT**

Checkout time is between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning. The crew will transfer the group and their luggage to the local airport, and assist you with check-in.



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## AeroGal Airfare Flight Information to Galapagos

We highly recommend staying overnight in Guayaquil instead of Quito before flying to San Cristobal, Galapagos as the flight schedule allows you more time for check-in at the airport, lower priced domestic ticket, later flight than Quito, and the Galapagos Aggressors local office is located in Guayaquil. Due to Ecuadorian laws, interisland flight tickets must be picked up in Ecuador. Your pre-payment to Aggressor Fleet confirms your tickets. Even though you are confirmed, tickets are not processed until one week before your charter date. Due to this, the price of the ticket can change which you will be responsible for. Aggressor Fleet has no control over any airline price increases.

Passengers who are not at the airport timely will be considered a “NO SHOW,” and will incur additional penalties and the chance of losing their reservation. Starting 2/1/08, there is a regulation and everyone has to purchase a Control Visitors Card which is \$10; prior to checking in with the airline in Quito and Guayaquil. It is VERY important to notify Aggressor Fleet of your hotel reservation as soon as it is made. You will receive a detailed letter at your hotel explaining when and where to meet at the airport to receive your tickets. In Quito and Guayaquil, you must make your own way to the airport. *\*Flight schedule and prices are subject to change. After ticket is purchased, no changes can be made, i.e. name, schedule changes, etc.*

**Local times: Quito/Guayaquil  
GMT – 5 Galápagos GMT - 6**

### Year Round

#### **Quito – Guayaquil – San Cristobal**

AeroGal (2K) #30	Quito – Guayaquil	09:45 am - 10:30 am
AeroGal (2K) #30	Guayaquil – San Cristobal	11:15 am - 11:45 am

#### **San Cristóbal – Guayaquil – Quito**

AeroGal (2K) #31	San Cristóbal – Guayaquil	12:45 pm - 03:30 pm
AeroGal (2K) #31	Guayaquil – Quito	04:00 pm - 04:45 pm

### Domestic Airfare Rates (not included in the Charter rate)

#### High Season

Nov 1 to April 31 & June 15 – Sept 14

Quito to San Cristobal/Quito -	\$474
Quito to San Cristobal/Guayaquil -	\$451
Guayaquil to San Cristobal/Guayaquil -	\$424
Guayaquil to San Cristobal/Quito -	\$448

#### Low Season

September 15-October 31 & May 1-June 14

Quito to San Cristobal/Quito -	\$419
Quito to San Cristobal/Guayaquil -	\$401
Guayaquil to San Cristobal/Guayaquil -	\$380
Guayaquil/San Cristobal/Quito -	\$398

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### Airport Check in Time

AeroGal – San Cristobal departure	Quito 8:15 am	Guayaquil 9:30 am
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### Weight Limits

Checked luggage 35 kilos (75 pounds) Carry on 10 kilos (22 pounds)

Excess weight charge is 1% per kilo (approximately \$2.50 USD per kilo) of the ticket value.