



Ecotourism- Galapagos National Park Visitor Site and Trail Maintenance

GENERAL INFORMATION

Destination of the program: Puerto Villamil, Isla Isabela, Galapagos, Ecuador

Minimum and maximum duration of the program: 2 - 12 weeks, in weekly increments

Arrival dates of the volunteer: Every Monday

End dates of the program: Every Sunday

Meals included in the program fee: Volunteer house accommodation option- lunch and dinner in participating restaurants, breakfast organized by volunteers (they have access to a fully equipped kitchen). If you are staying in a family homestay, three meals a day are included.

Pick-up	Yes (From the Puerto Villamil pier or local airport- if flying in)
Drop-off	Yes (From the Puerto Villamil pier or local airport- if flying in)
Food	Breakfast (Included in home stays, not included in volunteer house), lunch and dinner (every day)
Transfers needed during their stay (for work purposes)	Yes
Accommodation	Yes
Program coordinator and staff support throughout their stay	Yes
Material and relevant training	Yes
Other activities	There are many extra activities that volunteers are able to do, both at an extra cost and free

The minimum requirements:

- Good health and fitness
- Basic Spanish is a plus
- Min age: +18 years old (family volunteering is also possible in all IOI programs)
- Health insurance covering all activities and locations for the program
- Genuine passion for the outdoors and conservation of nature
- Physical ability to work construction and gardening type jobs outdoors with potential allergens, sun and temperature exposure.
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team
- Flexibility of schedules
- Basic knowledge of non-motorized tools and their safe usage is an advantage



VOLUNTEER'S ROLE

- Assist park rangers out in the field with maintenance of visitor sites, trails and protected areas.
- Support invasive species removal programs.
- According to the needs of the National park at the time, you will support in ecosystem conservation and restoration activities such as controlling introduced species and protecting endemic species out in the field
- Replacement and maintenance of information signs.
- Assist in activities aimed at the promotion, dissemination and development of sustainable tourism projects for the Galapagos National Park.
- Help develop projects with the Galapagos National Park according to the interests and skills of the volunteer, as well as the priorities and guidelines established by the park and its staff.
- Activities that volunteers have carried out include translation and design of educational and / or promotional material, making satisfaction interviews with tourists, etc.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The objective of the program is to support Galapagos National Park staff in maintaining and improving visitor site, facilities, and information signs.

During this program, participants will be part of a variety of conservation efforts of our protected areas in collaboration with the Galápagos National Park. You will assist park rangers out in the field with maintenance of visitor sites, trails, and protected areas, clearing brush and weeds, cutting new trails, removing invasive species, and replacement and maintenance of signs. According to the needs of the National park at the time, participants will support in ecosystem conservation and restoration activities such as controlling introduced species and protecting endemic species out in the field. Some tasks will require the use of basic tools (shovels, hand tools, etc.)