

GALAPAGOS WEATHER

Due to the confluence of cold water currents from the south and the west, the Galapagos has a non peculiar dry and moderate climate for the tropics and is generally classified as sub-tropical. This makes Galapagos travel a year-round vacation destination. Galapagos weather is characterized by two main seasons:

- The warm, wet season (Late December to June)
- The cool, dry season (Late June to December)

Galapagos weather is considered equatorial, cooled by the Humboldt Current.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR, CLIMATE CONDITIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS MONTH BY MONTH:

Year Round animal Activity:

- Masked boobies and Red-footed boobies breeding and nesting (year-round).
- Magnificent and Great Frigate birds nesting (year-round on North Seymour Only)
- Flightless Cormorants, Penguins and Greater Flamingoes breeding and nesting (year-round, depending on food supply)



JANUARY

- Best month for snorkeling with penguins
- Great Underwater visibility
- Lots of hours of clear skies
- Warm sunny days
- Water temperatures averages are some of the warmest of all year.

Climate conditions:

- Air Temperature (Max / Min): 30/22C, 86/72F
- Average Water Temperature: 24.5C / 76F

Animals:

- Green Sea turtles nesting.
- Marine Iguanas and Land Iguanas are in mating season.



FEBRUARY

- Best Underwater visibility
- Warm sunny days
- Most hours of clear skies of any month rear-round
- Water temperatures averages are some of the warmest all year

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 30 / 24C, 86 / 75F
- Average Water Temperature: 25C / 77F

Animals:

- Giant tortoises are laying eggs in the wild
- Green Sea turtles nesting
- Marine Iguanas and Land Iguanas mating



MARCH

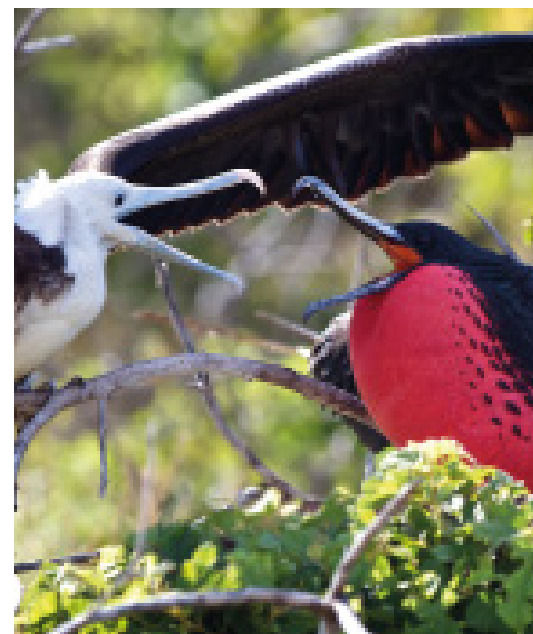
- Best Underwater visibility
- Water temperature is the highest all year (along with April)
- Land Iguanas begin mating (male fighting spectacles)
- Highlands are very green and lush

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 31 / 24C, 88 / 75F
- Average Water Temperature: 25C / 77F

Animals Mating / Breeding:

- Green Sea turtles nesting
- Marine Iguanas and Land Iguanas mating
- Great Frigate birds mating and nesting on Genovesa (Tower) Island
- Tortoises laying eggs (in the wild)



APRIL

- Flamingos breeding and nesting (bright colors)
Highlands are very green and lush
- Some of the clearest skies all year

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 31 / 24C, 88 / 75F
- Average Water Temperature: 25C / 77F

Animals:

- Green sea turtles nesting
- Marine Iguanas and Land Iguanas mating
- Waved albatross begin mating and nesting
- Great Frigate birds mating and nesting on
Genovesa (Tower) Island
- Tortoises laying eggs (in the wild)



MAY

- Cooler season begins (days are not as hot)
- Most pleasant weather all year (along with June)
- Humboldt Current gets stronger (nutrient rich waters attract marine life)

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 28 / 22C, 82 / 72F
- Average Water Temperature: 24.5C / 76F

Animals:

- Green Sea turtles nesting
- Marine Iguanas and Land Iguanas mating
- Waved albatross nesting
- Great Frigate birds mating and nesting on
Genovesa (Tower) Island
- Tortoises laying eggs (in the wild)



JUNE

- Stronger Humboldt Current makes marine life active (great for snorkeling)
- Little rainfall in the highlands

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 26 / 21C, 79 / 70F
- Average Water Temperature: 23C / 73F

Animals:

- Waved albatross nesting
- Marine Iguanas and Land Iguanas mating



JULY

- Sea Lions start breeding (sea lion pups everywhere)
- Stronger Humboldt Current makes marine life active (great for snorkeling)
- Whale and dolphin spotting becomes more common

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 26 / 20C, 79 / 68F
- Average Water Temperature: 22C / 72F

Animals:

- Blue-footed boobies begin nesting
- Waved albatross nesting
- Start of the sea lion breeding season



AUGUST

- Blue Footed Boobies mating and nesting (dancing rituals)
- Stronger Humboldt Current makes marine life active (great for snorkeling)
- Whale and dolphin spotting is more common throughout the islands
- California Sea Lions begin breeding

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 26 / 19C, 79 / 66F
- Average Water Temperature: 21.5C / 71F

Animals:

- Red-footed boobies and masked boobies breeding and nesting (year-round)
- Waved albatross nesting
- Magnificent and Great Frigate birds nesting (year-round on North Seymour Only)
- Fur Sea lions begin breeding
- Tortoises (in Santa Cruz Island only) lay eggs in the wild)



SEPTEMBER

- Whale and dolphin watching is at its best (along with Oct)
- Frigate birds start mating (beautiful displays)
- Best Snorkeling all year (along with Oct)
- California Sea Lions in full breeding (lots of sea lion pups)

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 26 / 19C, 79 / 66F
- Average Water Temperature: 22C / 72F

Animals:

- Blue-footed boobies nesting
- Waved albatross nesting
- Fur Sea lions breeding



OCTOBER

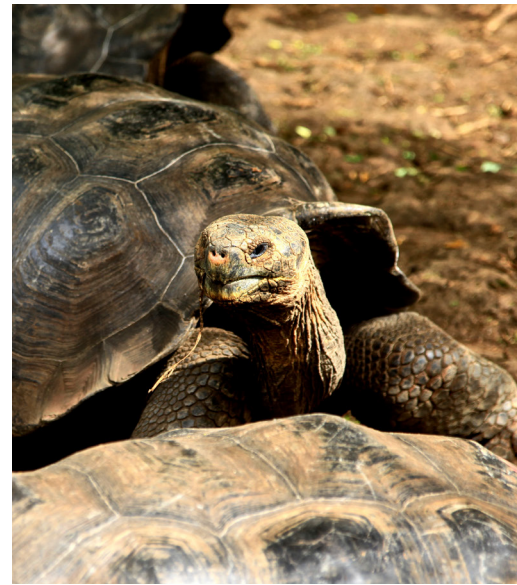
- Fur Sea Lions are breeding (lots of fur sea lion pups)

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 26 / 20C, 79 / 68F
- Average Water Temperature: 22.5C / 73F

Animals:

- Blue-footed boobies nesting
- Waved albatross nesting
- California sea lions breeding
- Tortoises (in Santa Cruz Island only) lay eggs in the wild



NOVEMBER

- Green sea turtles begin mating
- Whale and dolphin watching still great
- Active marine life and great snorkeling

Climate conditions:

- Air Temp (Max / Min): 26 / 21C, 79 / 70F
- Average Water Temperature: 23C / 73F

Animals:

- Blue-footed boobies nesting
- Waved albatross nesting
- California sea lions breeding
- Fur Sea lions breeding



DECEMBER

- Official start of the warm season (days get warmer)
- Humboldt Current loses strength (waters get warmer)
- More clear skies
- Masked Boobies begin nesting

Climate conditions:

- Air Temperature (Max / Min): 27 / 22C 81 / 72F
- Average Water Temperature: 22.5C / 73F

Animals:

- Blue-footed boobies nesting
- Waved albatross nesting
- Green sea turtles begin mating
- Marine Iguanas and Land Iguanas begin mating
- California sea lions breeding
- Fur Sea lions breeding

