

ANNUAL IMPACT & SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

ROYAL GALAPAGOS

An authentic commitment to conservation, climate neutrality, and the empowerment of archipelago communities.

As leading expedition cruise operators in the Galapagos Islands, **Royal Galapagos** embraces the responsibility of protecting this unique natural sanctuary. Our sustainability strategy combines rigorous vessel operating standards, carbon offset initiatives, strategic scientific conservation partnerships, and deep social investment in the communities of both the archipelago and mainland Ecuador.

OUR IMPACT PER GUEST

Every traveler embarking on our vessels directly and actively contributes to the following sustainability milestones:



1.5 Tons

CO₂ OFFSET

Carbon footprint balanced through verified UN Carbon Credits.



1 Shark

PROTECTED

Active satellite tracking and scientific monitoring for a full year.



8 Pounds

TRASH COLLECTED

Removal of plastic waste from vulnerable island coastlines and



2 Kids

TRAINED

Local youth educated in sustainability and applied ecology workshops.

1. Climate & Carbon Neutrality

To combat the global climate crisis, we implement a comprehensive carbon-neutral methodology across all operations. We do not merely balance general estimates; we precisely measure and audit multiple facets of our footprint:

- Direct fuel and motor oil consumption across our cruise fleet.
- Roundtrip flights taken by our guests to and from the Galapagos Islands.
- International business and technical travel flights undertaken by our staff.
- Daily commuting of our headquarters staff to our land offices.
- Electricity consumption and resource usage in our mainland corporate offices.

Historical Carbon Offsetting (UN Carbon Offset Platform)

Through the United Nations Carbon Offset Platform, Royal Galapagos funds internationally verified and validated renewable energy and social development projects:

Year	Offset Volume	Supported Projects & Distribution
2025	7,650 Metric Tons CO ₂	• Tinwari Wind Power Project, India (6,990 t) • Solid Waste Management Project, Brazil (400 t) • DMPL Solar Power Project, Fatepur (200 t) • Clean Cook Stoves, Africa (50 t) • ONIL Fuel-Efficient Cookstoves, Guatemala (10 t)
2024	6,300 Metric Tons CO ₂	• Biomass Power Generation Project in Hebei, China (5,386 t) • Biomass Power Generation Project in Jilin, China (500 t) • Solar Power Project (200 t) • Burgos Wind Project, Philippines (180 t) • Fuel-Efficient Cookstoves Distribution (25 t)
2023	6,400 Metric Tons CO ₂	• Gongzhuling Biomass Generation Project, China (5,330 t) • 3MW Wind Power Project in Madhya Pradesh, India (550 t) • Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development, Zambia (500 t) • DelAgua Public Health Program, East Africa (25 t)

2. Galapagos Ecosystem Conservation

Our ongoing partnership with the leading UK-based nonprofit, the **Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT)**, enables us to channel financial resources directly to vital scientific and field preservation initiatives:

- **Endangered Sharks (Shark Track):** We fund the satellite tracking of a shark for a full year. This aids research on migratory paths and the implementation of a protected "swimway" between the Galapagos and Cocos Island in Costa Rica.
- **Plastic Pollution Mitigation:** Together with the *Pacific Plastics: Science to Solutions (PPSS)* network, we support targeted cleanups on remote beaches, community education, and scientific data gathering to develop global, replicable solutions.
- **Saving Giant Tortoises:** We support nest protection from invasive species, long-term specimen tracking, and collaboration with local communities to create wildlife-friendly pathways and run education campaigns.
- **Adopting Galapagos Animals:** Our vessels actively adopt emblematic species through the Galapagos Conservation Trust's Program, helping fund core ecological studies while granting adoption certificates and materials to our vessels.

3. Eco-Friendly Operations at Sea

The Royal Galapagos fleet is custom-built and upgraded to meet the highest environmental standards to ensure the cleanest sailing experience:

- **Clean Water Generation:** Advanced high-tech desalination systems on board generate all drinking and general-purpose water, eliminating the need to transport plastic-bottled water from the mainland.
- **Zero Single-Use Plastic Policy:** We have removed single-use plastics from our cruises. Guests receive premium reusable souvenir bottles, and all onboard cleaning and toiletries are 100% biodegradable.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Highly efficient generators minimize fuel use, while cabins and public spaces are fitted with low-power LED lighting and energy-saving appliances.

4. Social Impact and Social Development

Ecosystem preservation is only possible when local communities thrive alongside natural spaces:

Supporting the Galapagos Economy

Shipping goods 600 miles from the Ecuadorian mainland generates substantial transportation emissions. To mitigate this, we rely heavily on **farm-to-table and local sourcing**. We integrate small-scale farms on Santa Cruz and San Cristóbal, regulated local fishing operations, and family-owned bakeries into our supply chain, ensuring fair trade and supporting local families.

Community Inclusion and Education

- **Local Crew & Staff:** We prioritize hiring from the resident population of the Galapagos. Our captains, officers, chefs, and naturalist guides are primarily locals trained to professional excellence, preventing community displacement.
- **Fundación Ecos Galapagos:** We fund conservation workshops, giant tortoise tracking field trips, and sea turtle nesting survey expeditions for local students and community members.
- **Fundación Jonathan (Quito):** On the mainland, we make regular donations of food and essential goods for children with disabilities and vulnerable elderly people. Every cruise booking directly finances a nutritious meal for someone in need through this organization.

Transparency Declaration: This annual impact report has been compiled using verified internal audit records from Royal Galapagos, carbon offset certificates issued by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and project data provided by the Galapagos Conservation Trust.