

Protecting Peru's Giant Manta Rays

Expedition Packing List

GENERAL

- Expedition Logistics Document
- Your travel plans, rendezvous details, and Earthwatch's emergency contact information
- Photocopies of your passport, flight itinerary, and credit cards in case the originals are lost or stolen; the copies should be packed separately from the original documents
- Passport and/or visa (if necessary)
- Certification of vaccination (if necessary)
- Documentation for travel by minors (if necessary)

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR FIELDWORK

All Teams:

- Lightweight, quick-drying, long-sleeved shirts to keep bugs and sun off.
- Wide-brimmed sun hat
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- We recommend bringing a thin wetsuit if possible, but a rash guard with long sleeves or a light shorty will also work. The water is warm, but these lightweight options will help protect from jellyfish.
- Athletic-style swimsuit (string bikinis are also okay, but we recommend covering these with a rash guard/wetsuit in the water)
- Sandals or shoes that can be worn on the boat
- Rain jacket/windbreaker—this will help keep warm on the boat with sea spray and windy conditions.
- Sweatshirt/long sleeve shirts to wear on the boat to keep warm in variable weather
- Closed shoes and long pants are required for work in the laboratory and potentially in schools

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR LEISURE

- At least one set of clothing to keep clean for end of expedition

FIELD SUPPLIES

- Small backpack
- Two one-liter water bottles
- High-SPF sunscreen (We encourage biodegradable reef/fish-friendly products like those from Stream2Sea. Get 10% off with promo code 'Earthwatch')
- Insect repellent spray (for mosquitoes)
- Mask, snorkel fins that don't require booties, snorkel
- Hair bands are required for the lab for volunteers with long hair.

Note: Jewelry rings are not permitted in the laboratory, so these should be stored safely during the lab day.

Note: If you don't own snorkel gear, there are spares on site. However, please purchase or rent your own snorkel gear in advance.

BEDDING AND BATHING

Note: Pillows and sheets are provided by the accommodations

- Please bring your bath towels
- An additional beach towel will be useful to dry off on the boat

PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Personal toiletries (biodegradable soaps and shampoos are encouraged)
- Antibacterial wipes or lotion (good for cleaning hands while in the field)
- Personal first aid kit (e.g., anti-diarrhea pills, antibiotics, antiseptic, itch-relief, pain reliever, bandages, blister covers, etc.) and medications
- Small Bottle of Aloe Vera or equivalent skin calming cream (good for bug bites and sunburn)
- Spending money (300 Soles)
- Sunscreen (SPF 50 recommended)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Locks for your luggage to keep any valuable items safely stored at the accommodations
- Extra sandals for the shower
- Camera, film or memory card(s), extra camera battery
- Hardware for sharing digital photographs at the end of the expedition
- Dry bag or plastic sealable bags (e.g. Ziploc) to protect equipment like cameras from dust, humidity, and water (Highly Recommended)
- Books, games, art supplies, etc. for free time
- Earplugs (recommended).
- Comfortable shoes to change into after conducting field work
- Insect repellent plugins for your room

Note: Do not bring more luggage than you can carry and handle on your own. If traveling by air and checking your luggage, we advise you to pack an extra set of field clothing and personal essentials in your carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost or delayed.