

### **Children of Orphanage Santa Marta visit the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway**

Founded in 2006 by the Spanish citizen Pilar Navarro, Hogar Santa Marta (Puerto Maldonado) is a center that hosts children who have been victims of abandonment or abuse. It currently has 18 children, aged from 2 to 18 years. With great care, they are attended in their education, nutrition and other necessities.

Committed with the well-being of local populations, Inkaterra invited the children of Hogar Santa Marta for an excursion at the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway. Led by their tutor Juan Isidoro, they started the trip with an explanation of the rainforest at the Canopy's Interpretation Center. With the support of ITA volunteers, the children studied flora and fauna living in the canopy, 100 feet above the ground. After a walk by the paths, they climbed one of the towers and walked by the hanging bridges, from which they were able to observe the beautiful landscape.

They also visited Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica. During the excursion, the children got to know the importance of many plants that grow on the hotel grounds. They got the chance to see monkeys, birds, squirrels and many agoutis. At the lodge, Explorer Guide Valeria spoke about her work and the importance of being a guide.

The fun day concluded with a lunch at ITA field station, and is soon to be repeated to show them other excursions at Inkaterra.