

Volunteering at Casa ITA Field Station

This month, many volunteers are visiting Casa ITA Field Station, in Tambopata. They come from different countries such as Spain, Australia, Germany and South Korea. ITA volunteers work hands on in all the programs developed in the field, especially on the assistance for wildlife monitoring.

Casa ITA is an Ese'ejá native style house built with natural materials from the forest. To guarantee a pleasant stay, the station offers: two rooms, each with bathroom and capacity for 6 people; a room for classes and work; a 7KM (4.5mi) trail system; Inkaterra Canopy Walkway, a system of bridges and observation towers 100ft above the ground, for wildlife monitoring; a 200m boardwalk over rainforest wetlands; a store room for packages and equipment; transportation from Puerto Maldonado to Casa ITA. The food served is homey, healthy and delicious, and can be adapted to the specific needs of volunteers (vegetarians, allergies, etc.).

Two long term volunteers stand out. One of them is Andrea Kvietok (Peru), who will stay 90 days in Tambopata. She is especially devoted to the bird banding station and is becoming an expert on identifying the most peculiar birds in the Amazon. She also teaches English to our field workers, something she has done before in Thailand. Andrea will do her volunteer work until next June.

Sol Kohen (USA) is participating actively in the production program at Chacra Gamitana Agroforestry Station, as well as the seed monitoring at the permanent plots near the field station. He came for 15 days but has decided to extend his stay for 47 days. He will get to experience all the ITA projects, and has accepted the challenge of being part of the Field Station soccer team!

To learn more about ITA's volunteering program, click here:
<http://www.inkaterra-asociacion.org/volunteer/volunteer-with-us/>

