

7. Iquitos



With about 400,000 inhabitants, Iquitos is the biggest city in the tropical rainforest of Peru and the capitol of the Loreto region and the province of Maynas. It can only be reached by plane or ship from the Amazon River, as there are no roads in the jungle. In this tropical and humid climate, there are varied and unique ecosystems offering one of the biggest biodiversity areas in the world. In the forests of the Amazon Delta, you'll find unusual plants and animals in abundance, with still only a small number discovered and registered even today. The mighty Amazon River, one of the New

7 Wonders of the Natural World, is born here out of the confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali Rivers.