

6. Puerto Maldonado



Puerto Maldonado is the capital of the region Madre de Dios, located in the south east of Peru. It has about 51.000 inhabitants and is named after the discoverer Faustino Maldonado. Originally, the city lived on the harvest of caoutchouc, the sale of Brazil nuts and gold panning. Nowadays, ecotourism is the main source of income in the small town at the shore of the Tambopata River.