

Iquitos, Loreto, Peru

The world's largest city unreachable by road, Iquitos sits deep in the Peruvian Amazon — a place of rubber-boom mansions, floating neighborhoods, and encounters with wildlife found nowhere else on Earth.

Docked at ENAPU Pier (anchor/tender possible at high water)

Typical call: 8–12 hrs (often embark/disembark port)

Peruvian Sol (PEN) — cash only for most things

Spanish (Castellano)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: ENAPU river pier ~4 km north of center; smaller riverboats use private wharves. Zodiac/tender transfers used by expedition ships and at high water.

Best For: Amazon wildlife, rubber-boom history, Amazonian cuisine, river excursions

Walk to center: Do not walk — port area is industrial. Mototaxi to Plaza de Armas: 10–15 min, ~5–8 Soles (\$1.50–2).

Don't Miss: Baby manatees at CREA, floating restaurant Al Frío y Al Fuego, the Iron House on the Plaza de Armas

Getting around: **Taxi** S/2–3 within city; ~S/20 from dock to center · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- CREA Amazon Manatee Rescue Center** — Hand-feed orphaned baby Amazonian manatees at this rescue and rehabilitation center.
- Pilpintuwasi Butterfly Farm & Animal Orphanage** — Take a mototaxi to Bellavista Nanay, then a 20-minute peke-peke boat to Padre Cocha village.
- Monkey Island (Isla de los Monos)** — A family-run sanctuary 30–40 minutes downriver where rescued monkeys roam free in the canopy.
- Rubber Boom Walking Tour** — Walk the Malecón Tarapacá and surrounding streets with a guide to see the crumbling Portuguese-tiled mansions built by rubber barons at peak...
- Belén Market & Floating District** — The city's sprawling riverside market sells Amazonian fish (giant paiche), exotic jungle fruits, and medicinal plants down the famous Pasaje Paquito.

BEST WALKS

- Plaza de Armas to Malecón Tarapacá** Easy · ~15 min · riverside views — From the main plaza, walk one block west to the Malecón Tarapacá riverfront promenade.
- Bellavista Nanay Waterfront** Easy · ~20 min walk · local river atmosphere — Head to the Bellavista Nanay neighbourhood on the Nanay River.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	85°	74°	27d	
Jun	83°	73°	24d	
Aug	86°	73°	18d	
Sep	88°	75°	19d	
Oct	87°	75°	22d	

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:52AM–5:53PM · Jun 5:56AM–5:50PM · Aug 5:57AM–5:56PM · Sep 5:45AM–5:50PM · Oct 5:33AM–5:44PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Mosquito protection is non-negotiable. Apply high-DEET repellent before leaving the ship. Bring it with you — the Amazon is home to dengue and malaria mosquitoes.
- Carry small Peruvian Sol bills. Mototaxis, vendors, and local restaurants only take cash. ATMs exist downtown but may have queues. Change larger notes at your hotel or a casa de cambio.
- Negotiate mototaxi fares before you ride. The city has tens of thousands of three-wheel mototaxis. A ride anywhere in central Iquitos should cost 5–10 Soles. Agree the price before boarding.
- Don't wander Belén Market alone. Pickpocketing is common in the crowded market lanes. Join a ship excursion or hire a reputable local guide — the market is genuinely fascinating but needs situational awareness.
- Pack a light rain poncho. Iquitos gets rain year-round and tropical downpours arrive without warning. A packable poncho weighs nothing and saves the day.
- Eat Amazonian food. Juane (rice in a leaf), tacacho con cecina (smashed plantain with smoked pork), and paiche (giant river fish) are genuinely delicious and you won't find them anywhere else. Try Al Frío y Al Fuego, the floating restaurant on the Itaya River.

Iquitos, Loreto, Peru — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| <p>1 Cerro Palmeras</p> <p>3 CRISAP-UNAP</p> <p>5 Mi Museo Iquitos</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Scenic hill with palm trees, offering panoramic Iquitos views.</p> <p>A primate rescue and rehabilitation center for Amazonian monkeys.</p> <p>A small museum showcasing Iquitos' history and culture.</p> | <p>2 Plaza Sargento Lores</p> <p>4 Plaza 28 De Julio</p> <p>6 Casa de Fierro</p> | <p>A historic public square with a monument to Sergeant Lores.</p> <p>A central public square commemorating Peruvian Independence Day.</p> <p>A historic prefabricated iron house designed by Gustave Eiffel.</p> |
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