



Proposed Itinerary:
Ecuador Trip October 6-17, 2011

Creative Connections - Earth and Sky in Ecuador

<i>Date - Day</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Oct 6 - Thur	Quito	Arrive and (1) settle in and have dinner, or (2) settle in, see old Quito by night, dinner
Oct 7 - Fri	Quito Rio Verde: Miramelinda Inn	Planned: Breakfast with Maria Fernandez and talk on the political climate of Ecuador. Leave for Rio Verde - Picnic lunch along Avenue of the Volcanoes with drawing, writing, photography. Stop on scenic volcanic viewpoint
Oct 8 - Sat	Rio Verde Ricancie district, TBD	Morning: Pailon de Diablo Afternoon: Jatun Sacha - Tour of medicinal plant gardens
Oct 9 - Sun	Ricancie District Rainforest Community	Rain Forest Village visit, hike in through rain forest for day or overnight; possible shamanic ceremony, cultural exchange, stargazing and astronomy of equatorial night sky if overnight
Oct 10 - Mon	Yachana School and Spa	Visit to premier eco-tourism school and associated spa facilities: Activities to include Shamanic ceremonies, wildlife, bird watching, night tours, conservation area educational tours, time for writing and ...
Oct 11 - Tue	Yachana School and Spa	Photography, meditation and drawing, take your carbon footprint.....tour the technical school, stargazing and butterflies, botanical gardens
Oct 12 - Wed	Termas, Papallacta	Hot Springs, Spa Treatments, Trip Workshops
Oct 13- Thurs	Termas, Papallacta	Creative time to draw and write and photograph - possible "Raft the Equator" rafting tour on Quijos River
Oct 14 - Fri	Otavalo	Matico Lema and her cooperative: Lunch, cultural exchange and goodies. Afternoon open for Andean shamanic ceremonies, exploration, workshops
Oct 15- Sat	Otavalo Quito	Shopping at the largest indigenous market in South America! Leave for Quito
Oct 16 - Sun	Quito	A chance to visit women's craft cooperative in Quito and explore old Quito, visit the tourist center, etc.
Oct 17 - Mon	Leave for the states	Leavin' on a jet plane...or staying for extended visit...