

Telluride Mushroom Conference 1999

The 19th annual Telluride Mushroom Conference will be held August 26-29, 1999 in Telluride, Colorado. The Telluride Conference is designed for persons interested in mushroom identification, edible and psychoactive mushrooms, and mushroom cultivation.

Laura Huxley, author of *This Timeless Moment: A Personal View of Aldous Huxley*, will address a plenary session of the conference on Visionary Common Sense. Other speakers include: Gary Lincoff, Paul Stamets, Andrew Weil, John Corbin, Linnea Gillman, and Emanuel Salzman.

Telluride is an historic Colorado mining town on the western slope of the Rocky Mountain Continental Divide. Daily forays will be led into the nearby forests generally productive of a wide variety of wild mushrooms, particularly edible species.

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**Learning From Plant Teachers
Two Experiential Seminars in the
Amazonian Rain Forest of Peru
"Shamanism & Ayahuasca"**

July: 10 to 18 and 20 to 28, 1999

With: Luis Eduardo Luna, Ph.D., anthropologist and author; Pablo Amaringo, artist (Luna and Amaringo produced *Ayahuasca Visions: The Religious Iconography of a Peruvian Shaman*); Silvia Polivoy, transpersonal psychologist; and native shamans.

The program includes: Ritual Plant Ceremonies with Ayahuasca and Tohe; Holotropic Breathwork Sessions; Creative Artwork expression; Kundalini Yoga; Purification diets; Meditations.

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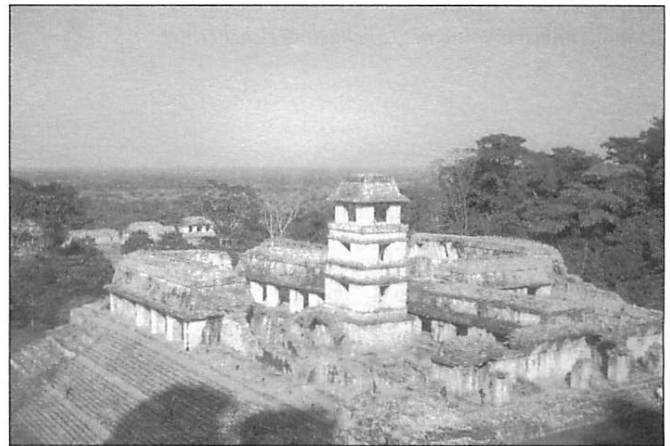
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**January 16-22 & January 25-31, 1999
Palenque, Chiapas Mexico**

This year's Entheobotany Shamanic Plant Seminars were back in their traditional locale amidst the verdant jungles and Mayan temples of Palenque, Mexico. It was a place and event that provided a welcome respite from the demands of ordinary life for us participants, a world apart where we could strengthen our common bond and indulge our interests in the multidimensional nature of psychoactive plants. The Hotel Chan Kah was a setting so beautiful and serene that it was hard to leave at week's end.

This year's presenters included Sasha and Ann Shulgin: psychedelic pioneers and co-authors of *PIHKAL* and *TIHKAL*; Jonathan Ott: natural products chemist and entheobotanist as well as author of a variety of books on psychedelic pharmacology; Terence McKenna: lecturer and author whose works focus on the importance of the role of natural hallucinogens in the future of human evolution; Christian Rätsch: Germany's leading expert on the shamanic arts and author of a number of books on psychoactive plants and their historical uses in Europe; Michael Bock: chemist, lecturer, and authority on Australasian psychedelic flora and fauna; Rob Montgomery: founder of the Botanical Preservation Corps; Ken Symington: ethnobotanical investigator and expert on ayahuasca shamanism; Giorgio Samorini: Italy's leading expert on entheobotany, the African Bwiti and sacramental Iboga; Paul Stamets: mycologist and founder of Fungi Perfecti mushroom company; and Manuel Torres: art historian and expert on the ethnography of visionary snuffs.



The Palace at the Mayan ruins of Palenque, Mexico. Photo by Eva Makkos

The lectures and social activities of the week provided invaluable material for both the seasoned psychonaut and cautious newcomer alike. Our ephemeral little community was one of scholarship, tolerance and camaraderie with a healthy dash of hedonism thrown in to spice the pot. If you have never been, and are looking for a first rate adventure with some of the most eccentric and stimulating people you will ever meet, don't miss next year's Entheobotanical Seminars. For more information on this important paradigm-shifting event contact:
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