

Workshop in Ecuador

June 20th - 27th, 2010

Festivals are an expression of society and the ultimate manifestation of cultural change.

Join an award-winning photographer and a renowned anthropologist on an 8-day workshop in Ecuador to observe, experience and document the otherwise "hard to reach" indigenous Andean culture in Ecuador as they prepare to celebrate Inti Raymi (Festival of the Sun) - a festival rooted in traditional culture yet shaped by the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadores 500 years ago and by the effects of Ecuador's rapid modernization in the 20th century.

The participants of this workshop will be encouraged to create their own version of their experience using visual and written methods as well as collaborate with others and create a body of work on the subject after the culmination of the trip.

The hope is to engender cultural exchange and cross-pollination of artistic ideas throughout the course of the workshop as well as get unique insight into the local history, customs and traditions through a local anthropologist, Trinidad Ordóñez, who will be accompanying us throughout the entire length of the trip.

A public showing of the works created on this trip is planned.

Total cost: \$2,100 per person includes all meals, local transportation as well as top-rated accommodation. (round-trip airfare to Ecuador is not included)

Total number of participants is limited to 6.

For a more detailed itinerary and to sign up please email ashok@ashoksinha.com

About us:

Trinidad Ordóñez is an anthropologist in Quito, Ecuador and has worked with numerous production companies and NGOs. Her clients have included John Gau (production company for National Geographic), Cotopaxi Voyager, Sunny Side Up Productions, Drew Fairchild (New York), Hiroshi Watanabe as well as the Ministry of Environment in Ecuador, European Union social development programs and Alianza Suiza's social responsibility projects.

Ashok Sinha is a travel and cultural documentary photographer based in New York and has been shooting around the world for the past ten years. His work has appeared in various editorial publications and has won awards from The Lucie Foundation, Photo District News, Association of Photographers UK and the BBC amongst others. He is also a freelance photographer with Getty Images.

His work can be seen at <http://www.ashoksinha.com>