Amerrikua is the name of the maloca (indigenous house) of Taita (shaman) Luis Flores and his wife Meche Flores. It is near Mocoa, the capital of the Putumayo department in Colombia. In the maloca, Luis and Meche receive people from all over the world that need to cure themselves of physical or psychological illnesses or desire to cleanse themselves of emotional problems, stress etc. I had the opportunity to spend ten days with Luis and Meche from the 28th of December to the 8th of January 2006. To the melody of multiple birds, Luis's guitar, threw the hospitality of Meche, her delicious food and surrounded by a scenery of absolute beauty, I lived a unique moment of peace, sanity and relaxation. In this section of Intermundos, I reunited varied information about this magical place. Here you will be able to see a variety of photos of the Maloca and our walks in the mountains.

The history of the Americas is not written. The people that lived on this land before the European conquest transmitted their history threw oral tradition (with the exception of the Maya and Inca, but of this history very little is left because the majority of the codices were destroyed or are hidden in the entrails of the monster: the Vatican). Even so, in the memory of the elders of all of the indigenous tribes still lives portions of this unknown history which continues to be transmitted threw oral tradition. Luis Flores is one of the keepers of the history of the tribes of the Putumayo. I invite you to listen to a story told by Luis Flores, explaining how and why the sacred yage medicine was given to the indigenous people, in MP3 (only in spanish).

The Taita, Shaman or medicine man, Luis Flores was trained in the Putumayo in the field of the medicinal knowledge of the Inga yage house.
people, therefore he works with the sacred medicine of yage also known as ayahuasca. Yage is a medicine that helps to cure all of the diseases of the body and soul threw its power which purges and opens the space whereby we may see visions. I do not know the other powers of yage as my knowledge on the matter is limited. I have included a video where you will be able to see a part of a yage ceremony with Luis and Meche Flores.

In order to cure, Luis utilizes not only yage, but many medicinal plants that he has living in his garden or that he finds in the jungle. One of the people visiting the Maloca while I was there, was Carmen from Costa Rica, she and Luis prepared Arnica of the mountain as a cure. Here is the video.

In this section I recompiled pictures of some of the plants living in Luis and Meche’s garden. Along with these are textual transcriptions of explanation by Luis as to each plants use as medicine. Visit Luis and Meche’s garden.

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