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NATALIE AYALA

THE LAST HIELERO OF THE CHIMBORAZO

Baltazar Uschka Tenesaca is the last keeper of a tradition. Twice a week, accompanied by his two donkeys, Baltazar climbs the slopes of the Chimborazo, Ecuador's highest volcano, to extract the purest and most sacred ice that resides within. Due to the changing climate patterns, he goes higher and higher to find this ice.

Natalie Ayala is a freelance photographer of both Ecuadorian and French origin. She is involved in a long-term project that bears witness to the struggle of the Amerindians in Latin America to preserve their dignity, traditions and knowledge in a world undergoing radical change.

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