## The Sacred Pipe

The Sacred Pipe is one of the most Sacred rites of the indigenous peoples. It is a Ceremonial Pipe used for personal and community ceremonies as a bridge between people and Great Spirit. The Pipe Ceremony is always done with the utmost respect. The Pipe is an altar taken by the Pipe Carriers wherever they go. The bowl represents the Earth Mother and honors the feminine. The stem honors the masculine. When the bowl and stem are joined together, that union is sacred. During the Pipe Ceremony, traditions are honored and respected, and individual and group prayers are made as the smoke carries the prayers to the Creation.



## Sacred Pipe Ceremonies

The Sacred Pipe Ceremonies may be done for different purposes.



The Community Pipe Ceremony offers opportunities for participants to lift gratitude and prayers up to Spirit! The Pipe Carrier starts the ceremony by asking everyone to share the prayer requests for their loved ones, communities, Pachamama, themselves, to be included in the ceremony. They will also explain how to honor and smoke the Sacred Pipe. The Pipe is loaded by offering the mix of Sacred herbs to the Seven Sacred Directions. When lit, the Pipe is shared with everyone in the circle and the herbs take our love and prayers to Spirit! Imagine a large community, each person blowing smoke from the Pipe, and every blow is an opportunity for a prayer! The Pipe Circle creates the space for hundreds of prayers to be raised and offered in gratitude, invocation, and hope!

The Healing Pipe Ceremony is used to offer the healing to the members of the community. It is often done by several Pipe Carriers at the same time. The smoke is blown onto the person from their head down to clear the energy field.
The Transition Pipe is offered to accompany person's Spirit to the Upper World, The Grandmothers' Pipe can be offered for any ceremony but especially for ceremonies involving healing of the feminine, such as the Rite of the Womb.