The Serpent and The Dove: Scotland

9 Nights: April 22nd – May 1st, 2027

Day 0: April 21st – Depart from USA

Tonight, you will board your **transatlantic flight**, waving goodbye to the US and welcoming this special journey to **Scotland** with open arms.

Day 1: April 22nd – Welcome to Scotland

Welcome to Scotland. As you arrive in **Edinburgh** and make your own way to your centrally located hotel, allow yourself to settle gently into the city's timeless atmosphere. After checking in, enjoy a slow, spacious afternoon—wander a bit, rest, or simply breathe in the calm energy that surrounds you. Edinburgh has been the capital of Scotland since 1437, and there is no shortage of things to do here!

In the evening, gather with your group for a **Welcome Dinner** at the hotel. Over shared food and conversation, you'll begin to connect, set intentions, and open the door to the journey ahead.

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Hotel Dinner with group

Day 2: April 23rd – Explore the Royal Mile

After a gentle morning and breakfast at the hotel, set out on a **guided walking tour** that reveals Edinburgh's layered history. Wander through Old Town closes, key historical sites and spaces tied to witch trials and religious persecution, gaining a deeper sense of the city's culture, spirit, and resilience.

The afternoon is yours to continue exploring the cobbled streets at your own pace—shop, reflect, or simply soak in the atmosphere.

Enjoy a **free evening** with dinner on your own, allowing space for rest or adventure.

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: April 24th – Day Trip from Edinburgh

Begin your morning with a visit to the enchanting **Rosslyn Chapel**, a place steeped in symbolism, legend, and spiritual presence. Take time to absorb the intricate carvings and energy that fill this landmark, which was founded in 1446 by Sir William St Clair.

Afterward, continue to **The Helix,** home of the iconic **Kelpies**—towering sculptures that celebrate Scotland's myth, strength, and connection to the land. They are inspired by the Kelpies - shapeshifting water spirits that are studded throughout Gaelic tales.

Return to Edinburgh for your final evening in the city, free to relax, wander, or savor a last dinner at your own pace.

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: April 25th – Travel North to Inverness

Today, you travel north toward **Inverness,** leaving the city behind as Scotland's landscapes begin to open around you. Along the way, pause at **The Hermitage**, a peaceful woodland sanctuary filled with towering trees, flowing waterfalls, and moss-covered paths—a perfect place to breathe deeply and connect with nature.

Continue to the mysterious **Clava Cairns,** one of Scotland's most evocative prehistoric sites, where ancient chamber tombs invite quiet reflection.

Arrive in Inverness, check into your hotel, and gather for a **group dinner** to close the day.

Overnight: Inverness

Meals: Breakfast and Hotel Dinner with group

Day 5: April 26th – Loch Ness

After breakfast, begin the day with a peaceful visit to **Reelig Glen,** home to the tallest tree in Britain and a sanctuary of quiet grounding. Walk gently beneath their branches and let the stillness settle within you.

Continue to the serene ruins of **Beauly Priory** and the shoreline of **Dores Beach**, offering beautiful views of the legendary **Loch Ness.** These stops invite both reflection and connection with Scotland's natural rhythms.
Return to Inverness for a relaxing, **free evening.**

Overnight: Inverness

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: April 27th – The Isle of Skye

Depart early for your day on the mystical **Isle of Skye,** a landscape revered for its energy and enchantment. Visit the dramatic **Kilt Rock viewpoint,** then wander the otherworldly **Fairy Glen**.
Enjoy time at leisure in **Portree Harbor** for lunch and exploration before returning to Inverness.
Spend the evening preparing for tomorrow's travel day and getting some rest after your sightseeing.

Overnight: Inverness

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7: April 28th – Travel South to Glencoe

After checking out, travel south toward the dramatic landscapes of **Glencoe.** Along the journey, stop at a **small local farm** to stretch your legs and learn about Scotland's wildlife, natural rhythms, and rural traditions—a simple but meaningful pause.
Arrive in Glencoe and settle into your hotel, letting the mountains' presence welcome you. Spend your evening as you please, whether resting, socializing, or taking in the surrounding beauty.

Overnight: Glencoe

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: April 29th – Experience Glencoe

Begin your day with a visit to the **Glencoe Visitor Centre,** where you'll explore the story of the 1692 massacre and visit the traditional Turf House, gaining a deeper understanding of the area's history.
Afterward, choose your afternoon path: return to the hotel to rest, walk along the peaceful shores of Loch Leven, or take on the iconic **Three Sisters** hike for a deeper experience of the valley's power and beauty.

Overnight: Glencoe

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9: April 30th – Return to Edinburgh

After breakfast, journey back to **Edinburgh,** with a captivating stop at the **Devil's Pulpit**, a dramatic, moss-covered gorge that feels both ancient and mystical. Wander carefully through this unique natural formation that marks the beginning of your return to the city.
Continue to Edinburgh for your final evening together and gather for a heartfelt **Farewell Meal,** celebrating the journey you've shared and the memories you've created.

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast and Farewell Lunch with group

Day 10: May 1st – Farewell

As your journey comes to a close, prepare to welcome **Bealtaine**, fly home, or continue onward for more days of exploration. Whether departing or staying, take a quiet moment to honor how this trip has touched you—its landscapes, its stories, and the connections made along the way.