ESOTERIC WALES

Ancient Awakening

August 1 – Day 1

Arrival in Liverpool

Arrive in Liverpool and check into the elegant **Municipal Hotel**. Gather in the evening for a welcome dinner as we begin our esoteric journey through Wales and beyond.

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August 2 – Day 2

Liverpool: Cathedrals & Culture

Explore **Liverpool Cathedral**, the largest in Britain, followed by **St. Luke's Bombed Out Church**, a haunting memorial of WWII. Walk the historic docklands, see the iconic **Beatles statue**, and visit the **Liverpool Museum**. Enjoy lunch at **Riva Blu Italian Restaurant & Bar**. Spend the afternoon exploring more of the city or relaxing at the hotel before dinner.

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August 3 – Day 3

Chester to Conwy

Check out and stop at **Chester Cathedral**, then visit **St. John the Baptist Church**, with intriguing Templar associations. Continue to **St. Winefride's Church** and the **National Catholic Shrine of St. Winefride**, a place of pilgrimage for centuries. Lunch at **The Royal Oak**. In the afternoon, explore **St. Asaph Cathedral**—Britain's smallest cathedral—and the medieval walled town of Conwy, including **Conwy Castle** and **St. Mary's Church**. Check into **Plas Dinas Country House Hotel**.

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August 4 – Day 4

Sacred Sites of Anglesey

Begin at **Bryn Celli Ddu**, a Neolithic passage tomb linked to the goddess Don. Continue to **Lligwy Burial Chamber** and **Din Lligwy** before lunch at **The Kinmel Arms**. Visit the site where legend says the Virgin Mary's remains are buried, then explore **Oriel Môn museum** and end at **Barclodiad y Gawres**, a megalithic tomb with rare rock art. Dinner at the hotel.

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August 5 - Day 5

Holy Isle & Castles

Visit **Penmon Priory** and **Beaumaris Castle**, one of Edward I's great fortresses. Lunch at **The Gazelle Hotel**. In the afternoon, stop at **Bangor Cathedral** before returning to the hotel for dinner.

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August 6 – Day 6

Caernarfon & Arthurian Legends

Check out and explore **Caernarfon Castle**, then the **Roman fort of Segontium**, tied to King Arthur. Lunch at **Glaslyn Artisan Ice Cream & Pizza**. Visit the 13th-century **church of St. Mary** and journey to **Dinas Emrys**, legendary battleground of the red and white dragons later associated with Merlin. Make a brief stop at **Beddgelert's Grave**, then pass **Pont Aberglaslyn**, where Arthurian battles are said to have taken place. Continue to **Slebech Estate**, once a Templar commandery, where tunnels still remain. Dinner at the estate.

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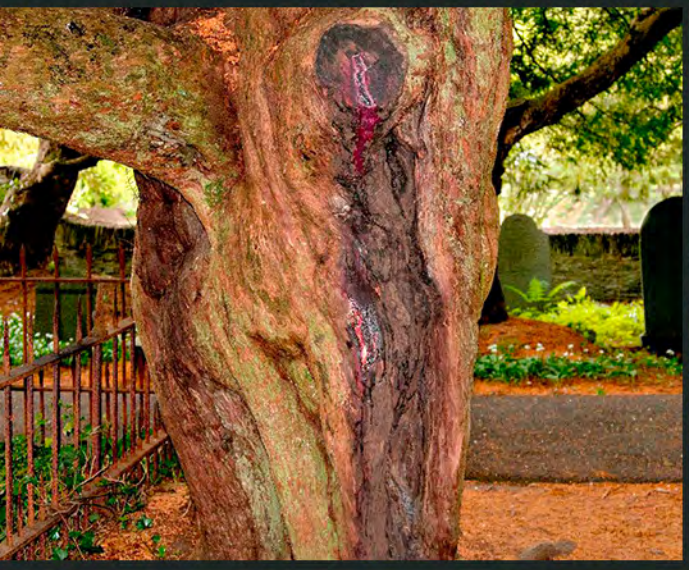
August 7 – Day 7



Pembrokeshire Mysteries

Visit **St. Brynach's Church**, home of the mysterious "**Bleeding Yew Tree.**" Continue to **Pentre Ifan Burial Chamber**, **Castell Henllys Iron Age Village**, and the **Gors Fawr Stone Circle**. See **Carreg Coetan Arthur** before lunch at The Golden Lion Hotel. In the afternoon, visit the **Gorsedd Stone Circle** and **St. David's Cathedral** before returning for dinner at Slebech.

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August 8 – Day 8

Castles & the Templars

Begin at **Manorbier Castle**, ancestral seat of the de Vale family with Templar ties, and nearby **St. James the Great Church**. Continue to **Carew Castle**, associated with the same family's Templar connections. Lunch at **Black Pool Mill Restaurant** before returning to **Slebech Estate** for dinner.

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August 9 – Day 9

To Cardiff via Brecon & Caerleon

Check out and journey south. Visit **Brecon Cathedral** and **Priory**, then **Caerleon**—linked to Arthurian legends and once imagined as the site of the Round Table. Explore the **Roman amphitheatre** and **St. Cadoc's Church**. Lunch at **The Priory** before continuing to **Cardiff**. Check into the stylish **Voco Hotel** for two nights.

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August 10 – Day 10

Cardiff: Castles & Culture

Discover **Llandaff Cathedral** and **Cardiff Castle**, then enjoy lunch at **Pasture Restaurant**. Spend the afternoon at the **National Museum Cardiff** before returning to the hotel. Celebrate with a farewell dinner.

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August 11 – Day 11

Departure

Transfer to the airport for your return journey home.

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