

Ceremonial Immersion Logistics 2025-2026

This offering is born out of an older way of being in community that wove ceremony into the everyday and ever-changing seasons of our lives. It is our prayer and intention that what may be seeded in our time together can culminate in the flowering of ongoing ceremonies, amongst the places you call home, and/or through the growth of future work together as a more fully matured and seasoned community.

The call to ceremony can be fueled by commitment and the desire to answer it through community. Collaboration, care, and compassion can create a container through which to navigate the great uncertainties of our times. We encourage those who are considering joining the ceremonial immersion to listen to the call through the individual lenses of each of the four shields/seasons, for those that are familiar with this, for those that are not please consider the practical, inspirational, and emotional opportunities that may arise through this experience as well as the shadow aspects of this immersion. What difficulties could arise? What opportunities might emerge? Between each in person meeting we will gather monthly via video conference to digest and integrate the movement and arc of this immersion as well as sharing opportunities to carry the ceremony forward. We will do our best to work with everyone's needs/schedules to accommodate. There will also be an invitation to have 5 one-on-one phone calls with one of the guides between each gathering.

Going Forward: Formalizing Your Commitment

First, and if you haven't done so already, we ask that you take an intentional walk on the land carrying questions such as : ***is this the right calling and the right time to answer it? Can I commit to the financial and timely expectations set forth AND be with the edge, in a good way, of not knowing what this experience will be like?*** after getting clarity on these questions we ask that you reach out to one of the guides expressing your interest and/or any questions you might have. Following formally register on the website and submit a deposit. This will ensure your spot as there has been a lot of interest and we imagine it filling up quickly !

Querants are also welcome to reach out to alumni participants from the prior two cohorts of the immersion. Just let us know, and we will be happy to provide the contact information for those who have given their consent to be contacted.

Second, due to the nature of this ceremonial immersion spots cannot be filled if you decide to drop out. We ask then that your commitment and spot is solidified by paying the sliding scale fee of \$5200~\$15,600 that is most suitable for you by April 3rd, 2025. We value the diversity of individuals and understand unique circumstances may be present for some of you. For those in a higher income bracket the additional funds

contributed may help those with less participate. For those that cannot pay the full amount by the aforementioned date, we then ask that you create a payment schedule that will honor your commitment for the entirety of our time together. If the payment plan is agreed upon, there is still a requirement to honor this arrangement in full regardless of whether you are absent from one of the gatherings or complete the program in its entirety. Although it is not ideal to miss a gathering, participants will be graciously received and woven back into the next zoom call/gathering, as was the case in previous immersions.

Note: There will be a limited amount of scholarships awarded. Generally, one-third of the fees is offered but this will also depend on what others contribute towards the sliding scale, and what our donors contribute towards the overall scholarship fund for SOLB.

Finally, the drafting of a more formal agreement has not been an easy decision for us, as we want this to be available to all, and we also understand how life can be. However, after leaving things more open ended in previous immersions the guides suffered financially due to some participants bowing out midway through the immersion and not paying in full. Thus, we now realize the hard reality, that in order for this unique offering to continue, it is dependent upon a financial soundness that ensures guides' livelihoods are not compromised. It is also our hope that a more tangible commitment can also assist with countering fears and easier exit strategies, i.e "trusting the ceremony" and thus strengthen the holding environment being generated—personally and collectively.

With deep ethos and gratitude,
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