

Reliable Tent & Tipi

Why buy a Blackfoot style tipi?

At one time, the **Blackfeet** were feared Plains warriors. Historians believe the Blackfeet, forced out of their ancestral grounds in today's upper Great Lakes region by white advancement, were one of the first Native American tribes to head West. Though there are several stories on how they received their name, the most plausible is that their moccasins were blackened from the long journey across the prairie to reach what would become Montana. Here are reasons why someone might consider purchasing a Blackfoot style tipi:

1. Cultural Heritage: Like many other plains Indian nations, the Blackfoot were a horse and warrior people who developed as skilled and powerful mounted warriors. A warrior was viewed by the people not as a maker of war but as a protector, provider, and leader.

2. Historical Significance: The Blackfoot were known as one of the strongest and most-aggressive military powers on the northwestern Plains. For a quarter of a century after 1806, they prevented British, French, and American fur traders, whom they regarded as poachers, from trapping in the rich beaver country of the upper tributaries of the Missouri.

3. Design and Aesthetics: The Blackfoot tipi is quite unique in its design. It has a vertical strip of canvas that runs straight down the back of the tipi. The remaining strips run off the right and left sides of the back strip. This design represents the spine and rib cage of a Bison. The Blackfoot tipi has an "oval" style entry and leather reinforced smoke flap reinforcements.

4. Notable Blackfoot Native Americans: Besides Chief Crowfoot, some of the most famous leaders and chiefs of the Blackfoot tribe included Morning Owl, Red Crow, Heavy Runner, Mountain Chief, Yellow Horse, Red Plume, and Chief Running Rabbit. Kalani Queypo is a well-known actor with a Blackfoot heritage.

Always purchase from reputable sellers who construct tipis using quality materials and methods. Consulting with a Reliable Tent & Tipi representative who is knowledgeable about Blackfoot style tipis can provide valuable insights before making a purchase.

If you're unsure about the best choice for your needs, give us a call.