



THE **TIPI** COMPANY



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Event Tipis

Born in Manchester | Made in Britain | Available Worldwide





# DARE TO BE DIFFERENT...

## WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF TIPIS!

The fact that you're reading this brochure suggests that you're looking for something a little different than your standard square-shaped white walled tent. Maybe you want to stand out from the crowd? Or do you want to hold events in a space that compliments the outdoors? Either way, The Tipi Company's tipis create a dramatic surrounding for a whole range of purposes in an original and unique way. Due to their tried and tested heritage for being used as temporary homes of the nomadic tribes from the Great Plains of America for hundreds of years, they are also more practical and hard wearing than a lot of outdoor structures and can withstand even the harshest of winters while creating a cosy, homely atmosphere inside.

Our tipis are the super-sized version of their ancestors and are a popular choice for summer and winter events, outdoor classrooms, camping grounds, festivals and also adding value to an existing venue's offering – why host one event when you can host two simultaneously?

Impressive, reliable and visually stunning – The Tipi Company manufactures and supplies tipis to people who want to create memorable and inspiring experiences for their guests.



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We are a tipi and awning manufacturer whose roots are planted firmly in the North of England. We have a dedicated team of fabric technicians, woodworkers and fitters committed to producing quality products that have been awarded the Made In Britain marque.

Since 1986, our mission has been to exceed our customer's expectations in quality, delivery and cost through continuous improvement of our products and we do this through a personable yet professional service which is always on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Since the birth of the tipi within the Events Industry 10 years ago, we have seen an ever increasing number of customers who want to embrace nature with their outdoor events. The design and quality of our tipis, in addition to our exclusive accessories and bespoke design service, means that any permutation is possible regardless of the weather.

OUR FOUNDATIONS...

BORN IN MANCHESTER - MADE IN BRITAIN - AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE



## OUR TIPIS...

HOME OF THE NOMADIC BUFFALO HUNTERS,  
OUR STABLE, STRONG, FLEXIBLE AND ATMOSPHERIC  
TIPIS MAKE THE PERFECT ADDITION TO ANY EVENT  
OR VENUE.

The English word “tipi” comes from the Lakota word “thipi”, which means “a dwelling”, primarily used by the nomadic tribes of the Great Plains of America for hundreds of years. Also known as teepees or Sami katas, they provided warmth and comfort in winter, cool in the heat of the summer and dryness during heavy rains.

Tipis could be disassembled and packed away quickly when a tribe decide to move on and could be reconstructed swiftly upon settling in a new area – this portability was an important factor to Plains Indians with their nomadic lifestyle. A simple conical structure with adjustable smoke flaps and multiple poles they were covered with a detachable cover historically made of buffalo skins and a canvas door. Simplicity was the key word: the fire created warmth, the hides kept the heat inside and the flaps extracted the smoke allowing for a well-lit and atmospheric home.

Today, our tipis, which are Made In Britain, are relatively unchanged from their ancestral beginnings but use the latest materials and techniques to bring them into the 21st century.

Whether you go down the route of a traditional rustic feel, or if you want to be bold and modern, our tipis can make your event stand out from the crowd. From small gatherings in the garden, to giant events on a huge scale, our tents are interlinkable to form an endless sea of tipis to accommodate any numbers.





At The Tipi Company we are passionate about British made brands and UK manufacturing, and that is why we use the Made In Britain Marque on all of our products.

The Made in Britain marque is the official seal of approval to show that our products are manufactured in Britain and by doing so, we can help keep skills, crafts and innovation alive while supporting Britain's position as the design centre of the world.

The Made in Britain marque we use on all of our products is to help consumers, both in the UK and abroad, identify and choose British quality made goods.

MADE IN BRITAIN



## OUR SUSTAINABILITY

Here at The Tipi Company we are committed to conducting our business in a responsible and sustainable manner, which is testament to our approach to corporate responsibility.

Our approach covers:

Health & Safety / The Environment / Our Employees / Our Customers  
/ Our Product Quality

We use advanced materials and engineering that provide sustainability such as a long lifecycle and extreme durability. We produce premium products with premium performance, offering beauty that is built to last with high performance ratings.

With our experienced team of fabric technicians, woodworkers and fitters, we manufacture all of our tipis in our factory in Manchester, UK, and have been awarded the Made In Britain marque as a result of this.



## OUR QUALITY CULTURE

The focus we have on quality is how we innovate successfully, improve business for our customers and grow as a company. This is the main goal with all of our products so that we can provide quality-tested, value for money solutions to a wide variety of businesses. We do this through quality relationships, quality service and quality-tested products.

With all of our products being Made In Britain and within our factories in Manchester, we have complete control over the production process and can ensure high standards throughout our product portfolio.



## OUR TIPI RANGE



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An instant conversation starter and eye-opener, our tipis are relaxing, atmospheric and friendly and will make everyone smile. From an unusual setting for a small private dinner party in your back garden, to a sea of tipis for a large team-building event for over 1000 people, the possibilities are endless with our interlinkable, flexible tipis.

Everyone loves the feel of being inside a tipi and as a result, it can lend itself to a whole host of businesses. For those of you wishing to set up your own tipi rental company, they can host weddings, anniversaries, garden parties and festival entertainment – in fact weddings in a tipi have increased year on year. For schools and colleges wanting to embrace outdoor learning, our Midi and Baby tipis act as a great base for adventurous outdoor activities or as a motivational outdoor classroom to learn about nature and history. In the public forum they make great tourist cafés, trade stands and training spaces – they are easy to erect and cost-effective in comparison to a solid structure.

One thing a tipi will always do is make people notice you and remember your brand. Furthermore, we can even personalise your tipi to your brand with the use of fabric printing and banners.

Our tipis represent outstanding value for money, while the design of our complimentary accessories will ensure that you get the most out of your tent.

Spacious, strong and stunning, our tipis are available in three sizes to cater for all sizes of events.



# OUR POLES

Immensely strong yet very manageable, the strong wooden poles used for the construction of the tipis have been sourced from North Scandinavian forests where it is extremely cold and hence slow growing making the wood late maturing and of world-class quality. The poles, which are over 80 years old, are de-barked spruce, and are light but very strong and rot-resistant making them ideal for outdoor shelters. Due to these qualities of the wood, the tipis are more stable than marquees in high winds as they have huge load-bearing strength and can be erected on all types of soft and hard surfaces, including car parks!

The poles used in our tipis are also supplied to the ladder industry due to their straightness and dependability, where they conform to BS1129 - the most stringent industrial class in the access sector - which is a unique quality to The Tipi Company. The poles are 100% consistent in their dimensions starting at 115mm diameter at the bottom, with a perfect taper to the top where the diameter is 80mm.

All poles have been treated with the latest generation wood preservative which has a unique copper and organic biocide formulation, allowing treated timbers to be used where special environmental concerns or restrictions exist.

All fixtures and fittings are attached to the poles prior to delivery.



Breathable



Colourfast



Dirt repellent



Durable



Flame-retardant



Moisture regulating



Stability



Strong



Sun protective



Water repellent

# OUR FABRIC

The Tipi Company uses a durable outdoor fabric for all their tipis that is highly waterproof, weather resistant, moisture regulating and breathable – making it perfect during the heat of the summer and the cold of the winter. It is also stable, sun protective and colourfast with a non-fouling finish leading it to be a visually stunning product which is also practical.

The canvas is a blend of cotton and synthetic fibre which is much more durable than cheap cotton fabric, while the beige colour allows the lighting inside to glow warmly through so externally, it looks stunning against the night sky.

In addition to these characteristics, the canvas is also flame retardant as standard and meets BS 7837, DIN 4102 B2 and NF 92-503 class:M1 standards, which make it a very safe product, especially when a fire pit is lit inside. The edges of the tipi canvas are reinforced with 50cm of sand coloured tear-resistant cordura and provide a natural contrast to the beige canvas.

All of our tipis are sewn together by The Tipi Company's Expert Fabrication Technicians in Manchester using advanced textile methods to ensure the canvas sheets are made to last and are extremely strong.



# TIPI CONSTRUCTION

All of our tipis are essentially made up of 9 main poles which all locate onto a specially designed steel crown bracket in the centre, aka the Top Crown. This crown also incorporates an optional facility for fixing a twin walled stainless flue to extract the smoke from above a fire pit so there is no need to open and close the smoke hood when the weather changes. The 9 purlin beams give the structure added stability.

Our Big Hat tipi has been designed to incorporate lifter beams and support legs, which means that the sides of the tipi canvas can be partially or completely lifted to resemble a ‘Witch’s Hat’, to create extra floor space. If extra floor space is a requirement but the weather has made a turn for the worse, the sides and entrance can be enhanced by the fitting of panoramic panels to protect your guests from the elements.

All our tipis are designed to incorporate all of our custom-made accessories and can be linked together, regardless of their size.



With a Big Hat, the possibilities are endless. Whether you are a venue such as a pub, farm or campsite looking to extend your product offering to cater for larger events, an entrepreneur who wants to start their own tipi hire company, a company wishing to launch a new product, or a visitor attraction who wants to pull in the crowds, our Big Hat tipi offers the flexibility to cater for any number of guests within a unique and atmospheric space.

With the largest tipi in our range, the walls can be raised during the summer months to create a 'Witch's Hat' shape or lowered during the winter to keep the atmosphere and warmth inside. Due to the construction of our tipis, you can interlink them together to create a number of tipi configurations perfect for weddings, parties, concerts, team building exercises etc.

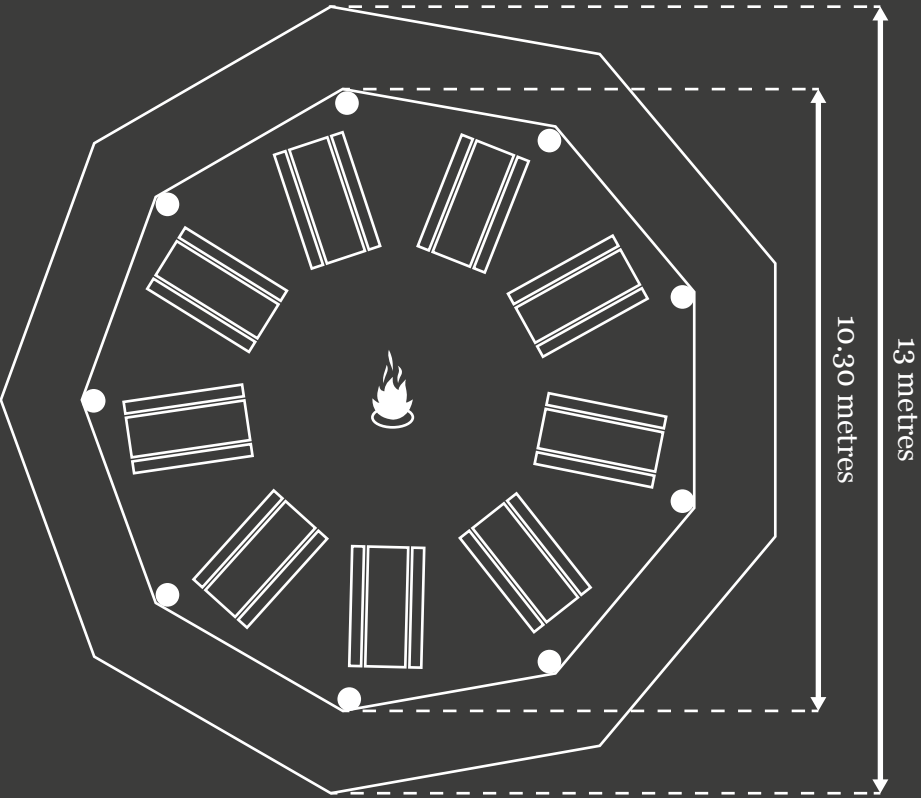
## BIG HAT

INCREASED CAPACITY - STRONG - UNIQUE FLEXIBILITY  
- ATMOSPHERIC - WEATHERPROOF





# BIG HAT



TIPI MODEL	BIG HAT	BIG HAT (SIDES UP)
Diameter	10.3m	13.0m
Total height	7.4m	
Maximum pole length	8.25m	
Covered area	83.0m <sup>2</sup>	132.0m <sup>2</sup>
Weight of Canvas	84kg	
Number of standing people	80	100
Number of seated people	72	128
Number of sleeping people	50	-

## Key features:

- Easy to erect
- Weather stable – perfect for all seasons and locations
  - Interlinking – an endless number of Big Hat tipis can be joined together for 1000+ people (requires special training)
- Eye-catching
  - Provides free air circulation & shade when the sides are up, warmth & weather protection when the sides are down

## Supplied with:

- Flame-retardant Big Hat Main Canvas Canopy (with 2 zips)
- Flame-retardant Canvas Smoke Hood with guy lines to secure
- Big Hat Pole Set with pre-mounted connectors
- Top Crown & brackets (crown with flue adaptor available on request)
- Big Hat Spikes set
- Big Hat Stakes set
- Heavy Duty storage bag

Optional extras: Any of our accessories & solutions (please see our website for further information)



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Two metres smaller in diameter than our Big Hat, our Midi Tipis are the ideal space if size is an issue or if you would like to add an alternative size to your portfolio of Big Hats. They can be linked to our larger size of tipis to create another dimension to your event such as a children's play area, or chill-out lounge, or they can stand-alone to act as a central meeting spot at sporting events, a tourist information centre or team building space.

For further flexibility, you can roll the side opposite the doorway up to create an opening 1.8m high and 4m wide so that your guests can enjoy the views, or you can add one of our entrance porches to ensure that your guests are not affected by any adverse weather conditions.

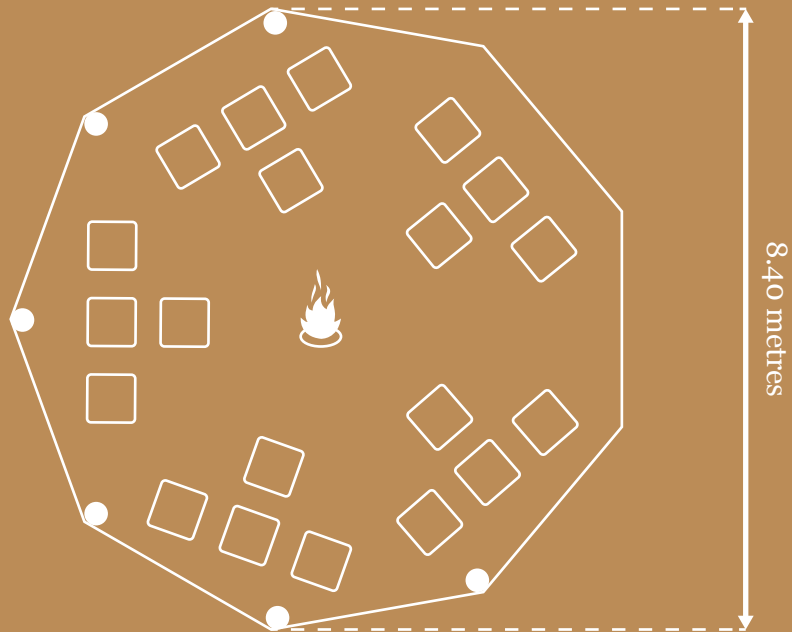
## MIDI TIPI

VERSATILE - RELIABLE - ATMOSPHERIC - IMPRESSIVE





# MIDI TIPI



TIPI MODEL	MIDI TIPI
Diameter	8.4m
Total height	5.5m
Maximum pole length	6.45m
Covered area	55.0m <sup>2</sup>
Weight of Canvas	46kg
Number of standing people	45
Number of seated people	40
Number of sleeping people	25

## Key features:

- Easy to erect
- Weather stable – perfect for all seasons and locations
- Interlinkable with our Big Hat tipis
- Versatile
- Provides free air circulation & great views when the side opposite the doorway is rolled up, warmth & weather protection when the sides are down

## Supplied with:

- Flame-retardant Midi Tipi Main Canvas Canopy (with 3 zips)
- Flame-retardant Canvas Smoke Hood with guy lines to secure
- Midi Tipi Pole Set with pre-mounted connectors
- Top Crown & brackets (crown with flue adaptor available on request)
- Midi Tipi Spikes set
- Midi Tipi Stakes set
- Heavy Duty storage bag

Optional extras: Entrance Porch with or without doors; Entrance Tunnel Bay; Link Kit (to link the Midi tipi to Big Hat); Link Tunnel Kit (to link the Midi tipi to Baby tipi).



They say that good things come in small packages and that certainly is the case with our Baby Tipi. Quick and easy to pop up anywhere, it is perfect for those wishing to entertain guests within a quirky and individual space who may have restrictions on the size of land available. Whether you are looking for a luxurious addition to add to your glamping campsite, an outdoor learning area for school children or a fun space for children's parties, our Baby Tipi is reliable, striking and exciting.

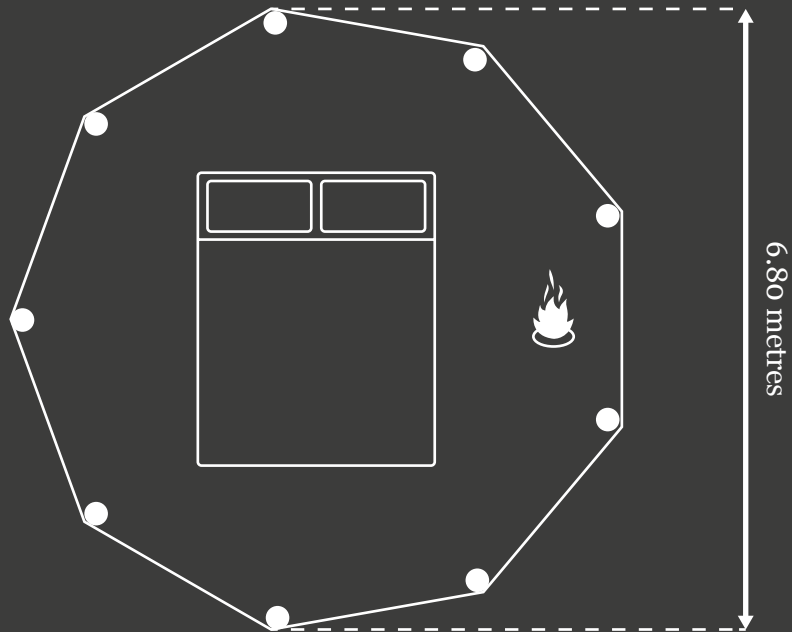
## BABY TIPI

FUN - ADAPTABLE - WEATHERPROOF





# BABY TIPI



TIPI MODEL	BABY TIPI
Diameter	6.5m
Total height	4.5m
Maximum pole length	5.15m
Covered area	37.5m <sup>2</sup>
Weight of canvas	35kg
Number of standing people	15
Number of seated people	12
Number of sleeping people	10

## Key features:

- Easy to erect - only two people needed without the use of machines
- Weather stable – perfect for all seasons and locations
- Interlinkable with Big Hat and Midi tipis
- Perfectly sized for smaller spaces
- Provides free air circulation & great views when the side opposite the doorway is rolled up, warmth & weather protection when the sides are down

## Supplied with:

- Flame-retardant Midi Tipi Main Canvas Canopy (with 3 zips)
- Flame-retardant Baby Tipi Canvas Smoke Hood with guy lines to secure
- Baby Tipi Pole Set with pre-mounted connectors
- Top Crown & brackets (crown with flue adaptor available on request)
- Baby Tipi Spikes set
- Baby Tipi Stakes set
- Heavy Duty storage bag

Optional extras: Baby Entrance Porch; Link Tunnel Kit  
(to link the Baby tipi to a Midi tipi or Big Hat)



## OUR UNIQUE FEATURES

At The Tipi Company, we like to take a product and make it better. So we have designed a range of unique features that can be added onto your basic tipi, to ensure you get the most out of your product, whatever the weather.

### TOP CROWN (PATENT PENDING):

When fire pits are lit, it is standard practice to pull back the canvas smoke hood (also known as the Ventilator Cap) at the top of the tipi to create extra ventilation and to allow the smoke to leave the space. This is a great idea...as long as it doesn't rain. Once the rain starts, the smoke hood has to be closed so that the rain does not fall on surrounding guests sat around the pit and as a result, the fire underneath has to be dampened out. At The Tipi Company, we want to retain the atmosphere within your tipi, so all of our top crowns have the ability to have a flue adaptor added to it, which is compatible with our enclosed chiminea and flue. An effective method of heating, this means that you can keep the smoke hood closed, while the wood is burning in the chiminea as the flue extracts the smoke for you – so rain or shine, you can keep the fire burning. This also has the added benefit of creating an impressive centrepiece for your tipi but if you would prefer to use a traditional Nordic open fire pit then all of our tipis are compatible with this method of ventilation also.



#### ENTRANCE SOLUTIONS:

It is widely acknowledged by the tipi industry that tipis, by their very nature of being an outdoor structure, can be exposed to a high amount of wind and rain. When all of the sides are down and the zips are closed, the wind and rain isn't a problem to guests. However, once the zip is opened (for entry) water can fall directly into the tipi and create dampness on the floor. The Tipi Company has designed a range of entrances to ensure your guests can enter the tipi in a practical way, while adding an enhanced visual element to the design of the exterior. Suitable for all sizes of tipis, we have a wide range including:

- Entrance Porches
- Entrance Tunnels
- Wooden Doors
- Canvas Door Panels

#### ANCHORAGE SOLUTIONS:

For long term installs on hard surfaces, such as car parks, or for erecting tipis inside an exhibition hall, The Tipi Company has engineered a unique anchorage solution to allow your tipis to be built safely and efficiently. Our Anchorage kit consists a set of Steel Base Plates that fit to the bottom of the main tipi poles, along with instructions to fit them to either a timber ring beam or wooden weighted barrels.

Please contact us or go to [www.thetipicompany.com](http://www.thetipicompany.com) for further information about our all-weather solutions.

#### SEATING & BARS:

Not only are our tipis Made In Britain, but our hand-crafted tables, benches and bars are too. They are designed and hand-made by local craftsmen in the North of England, using traditional techniques that fit the style of our tipis perfectly. Using kiln-dried larch wood and iron stays to secure the legs in place, they are sealed with a clear satin varnish to ensure their use time and time again. Our tables have been designed with the pieces of wood sitting flush against each other so that there are no gaps for glasses or cutlery to slip between. All of our tables, benches and bars are collapsible to allow for ease of transport and storage.

#### HEATING ACCESSORIES:

The Tipi Company manufactures traditional Nordic open fire pits for the safe use inside the tipis, along with an alternative enclosed option of chiminea and flue. By the very nature of tipi construction, the tried and tested way to create a cosy atmosphere inside a tipi, is to light an open fire pit in the centre with the smoke hood at the top of the tipi pulled back to allow the smoke to exit. However, once the rain starts, the smoke hood has to be closed so that the rain does not fall on surrounding guests sat around the pit and as a result, the open fire pit underneath has to be dampened out. At The Tipi Company, we want to retain the atmosphere within your tipi, so all of our top crowns have the ability to have a flue adaptor added to it, which attaches to the flue and in turn, the enclosed mesh chiminea. An effective method of heating, this means that you can keep the smoke hood closed, while the wood is burning in the chiminea as the flue extracts the smoke for you – so rain or shine, you can keep the fire burning. The additional benefit of an enclosed chiminea with flue is that it greatly reduces the smoke staining of the internal face of the canvas.

Large Enclosed Chiminea with flue / Large Nordic Firepit / Small Nordic Firepit



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## WHERE TO BUY & DELIVERY

All of our products can be purchased directly from The Tipi Company, which is based in Manchester, UK.

### DELIVERY:

We recommend you allow a minimum of 2-3 months for all orders - timings will vary dependant on the time of year. All of your order can be collected from our factory in Manchester. Alternatively, we can arrange for a driver to deliver to your premises. For long-term installations, we can arrange for our team to do this for you at an extra cost, please get in touch for further information.

### TRAINING:

Our training programmes take place at The Tipi Company Training Fields in Lancashire. We have a number of different training programmes available to you, relative to the products you have purchased and the size of your team. Please get in touch for further information.





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