

# Tipi Holiday near Hay on Wye



## Highlights

Enjoy a long weekend or a week's stay in a tipi set in four acres of meadows and woodland in the England-Wales borderland. Feed pigs at the owner's farm, hunt for freshly-laid eggs from their chickens, and laze about on beanbags and hammocks. Each tipi sleeps four, so they make great family getaways.

You don't have to trek halfway around the world for a gorgeous holiday setting, in fact, there are plenty of perfect places right on your doorstep. And that's just the case here in the heart of the England-Wales borderland of Herefordshire. Set off the beaten track in four acres of meadows and woodland, is where you'll find this little group of tipis. The literary market town of Hay-on-Wye is close by, as too, are the Offa's Dyke Path and the Brecon Beacons National Park.

It's fair to say, with just two tipis and one geodesic dome set in four acres of countryside, you'll feel a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of modern day life here. And that's really the main appeal. Wake to birdsong, fresh air – and breakfast in the great outdoors. Potter around the site and explore the local woodland, meadows and streams, or just lounge in one of the hammocks with a good book. If you're after more energetic pursuits, mountain biking, canoeing on the River Wye and horse riding are all available nearby.

## Is it for me?

Maybe you've never been camping and fancy easing yourself in gently to the great outdoors. Or maybe you're a keen camper but fancy something a little more up-market. Either way, these tipis are great. They're kitted out with a double futon and two single futons so you can leave that thin roll-up camping mat at home. And if you're looking for a family-bonding holiday you can't get much better than this. Kids will love the freedom they offer, and you can also bring your dog – if it's well-behaved and kept under control.

## Accommodation

Each tipi is five and a half metres in diameter, and is kitted out with a double futon and two single futons. They're set on raised wooden platforms, where you'll find chimineas and a basket load of wood for cosy summer evening fires. In terms of cooking facilities, there's a shared kitchen with a dual ring camping stove, a water butt filled with fresh spring water, and enough utensils and pots and pans.

You'll need to bring your own food, or for an extra cost, you can order groceries to be ready for you on arrival. Just make sure you let the owners know what you'd like when you book. The closest pub to cosy under canvas is three miles away, in the village of Painscastle and you can borrow a bike to ease the journey home

## Itinerary

There's no set itinerary to stick to here, but there's plenty to see and do in the local area. The site is about a mile from the Offa's Dyke path – the border between England and Wales and is close to the Rosgoch Nature Reserve, too. There are also horse-riding facilities, and opportunities for canoeing, gliding and caving near to the site.

Alternatively, just take it easy with gentle countryside walks and pottering around in your tipi.

## Details

Prices from

**195** GBP (4 nights) per tipi

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### **Getting there**

The site is off the B4594 in Newchurch, Herefordshire. It's easiest to get to the site if you're travelling by car, but if you're planning on using public transport, the nearest train stations are Cilmeri and Builth Road.

### **Price includes**

Accommodation, tea, coffee, sugar and milk on arrival for a cuppa whilst you settle in. Plus, pillows, pillowcases, bottom sheets, Welsh blankets and cooking items

If you would like duvets, there is an additional charge of £10 per person

### **Comfort level**

Reasonably comfortable (Inns, B&Bs, luxury camping etc.)

### **Experience required**

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