

PEOPLE OF THE GREAT PLAINS SIKSIKA NATION



Meet the First Nations of Southern Alberta

Situated 100 km east of Calgary, the Siksika Nation encompasses 180,000 acres of land that is traversed by the Bow River. Come and experience the traditions of this welcoming Nation deeply attached to this land where countless generations of ancestors have left signs of their presence and of their ceremonies. The contemporary Siksika Nation comes together each year to honor their sacred bundles and sacred pipes through their annual Sundance. They continue to practice their ancient customs through the teachings of their Elders and through the Nation's school curriculum. Together with the Bloods, Peigan and the Blackfeet, the Siksika Nation comprises the mighty Blackfoot Confederacy united by a common language, rituals and customs.

Multi-day nature and cultural experience on the Siksika Reserve (3 Days/2 Nights or flexible duration from May to October)

Day 1: History and culture



You meet your guides at 9:30 am in the Reserve, one and a half hour drive east of Calgary.

Today you will receive an in-depth insight into the history and every day life on a Native Reserve.

At the newly opened and beautifully presented Blackfoot Crossing Interpretive Centre you learn about the past of the Blackfoot Nation. You will also visit the highly significant historic site where the Europeans signed Treaty # 7 with the 5 Southern Alberta Tribes.

First Nations are very artistic and creative.



You will have opportunities to create your own craft, such as dream catchers that have great spiritual significance in their daily lives.



Day 2: Life along and on the river

After a night in a traditional teepee you will spend the next day mostly on the river, listen to the stories of your young Native guide and learn more about life on the Reserve.

He may have a rod with him and you can try the flyfishing so famous on the Bow River.

Day 3: Departure

Enjoy one more time those quiet and serene moments at the teepee campsite. There is no rush to pack up. Linger over breakfast and take some time for contemplation before you leave this beautiful place and its people



Price per person based on double occupancy:

CAD 843 + 5% GST tax

Children sharing a tipi with their parents

CAD 379 + 5% GST tax

Included:

- 2 nights in a Teepee
- 2 breakfasts
- 2 luncheon
- 2 dinner
- Native interpretive guide / river guide
- Cultural day including entrance to Blackfoot Crossing
- Activity day on the river, possibly horseback riding
- Craft making



Not included:

- Gratuities
- Donation or traditional gift of tobacco (as tobacco is used in ceremonies as a sacred plant)
- 5% GST tax

Note:

We also offer a program for people who are passionate about Fly Fishing. The price for two people per day is **CAN \$ 975 plus 5% GST** and includes one night accommodation, all meals and fly fishing on the Bow River. The Bow River runs through the Siksika Reserve and is an absolute insider tip for fishing in the area southeast of Calgary.



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