



Swift Conqueror 630 £21,104



A sunroof, Alde heating, twin-axle stability, a comfy double bed... this flagship-class tourer has just about everything you could wish for – except a heated towel rail!

There are as many power points as you can possibly need. As we move into the big Conqueror at the start of this test we are greeted by a choice of five sockets for laptops and phones – and that's just in the lounge. Another two are hidden away somewhere – we'll find those... eventually.

Instantly, the 630 passes a major practicality test. We could have phones on charge, a television in use, a table lamp, perhaps and nowhere would an extension cable be necessary.

Practicality is a keynote in storage terms, too, especially in the centre of the caravan. Two large kitchen cupboards, three more opposite in the dresser, two cutlery drawers, two overhead cupboards in the dresser... the 630 sets out to cater well for caravanners who like to have a lot of equipment on board – and also those who value a kitchen in which you can really get organised. But the greatest asset of the 630's kitchen is a 175-litre fridge with separate freezer. Experience of using these fridges teaches us that you can buy large containers of milk and



Light and power...
The bedroom is light and bright, with a practical dresser in the form of couple of shelves and mirror, tucked away just to the rear of the wardrobe. Importantly, one of the six sockets is here, so using a hairdryer close to the mirror is easy.

Multi-function dresser...
The large dresser creates a room divider that's effective but unobtrusive. There are plenty of cabinets in this central area and it gives you more kitchen work surface when you need it.

Washing-up options...
Surface space, to the left of the sink, would be almost entirely taken up by the clip-on drainer if you used it – but, with the little fixed drainer beside the tap, there's no need for the big fan-shaped one every time you wash stuff.

Smooth lines...
A key factor in separating kitchen from bedroom, yet keeping an open-plan feel, is that the fridge melds into the offside furniture line that extends into the wardrobe area. There are no big bulkheads to make you feel hemmed into either bedroom or living area.

Loads of kitchen space...
There's no need to shop frequently for food when you can keep a good stock of stuff in these large kitchen cupboards.

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These sunroofs are utterly fantastic!



Bright and light...

The dull, rainy weather during our 630 test made us appreciate one big feature of the Conqueror 630 especially. The lovely large sunroof that arches from above the front window line allows light to flood into the lounge and keeps it bright whatever the weather.

Big lockers...

Front corner lockers reach deep into the body-line, creating more storage space than you'd assume at a first glance.

Dividing the rooms...

A simple metal pole marks out the lounge from the bedroom by day. By night a pleated partition draws across the corridor and a Venetian blind descends within the dresser.

Cool!

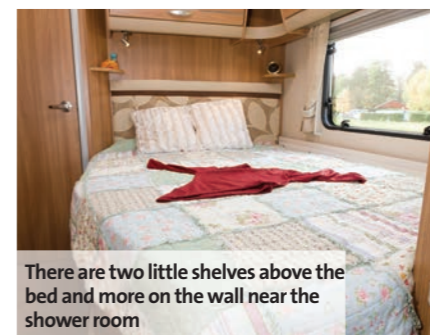
With a fridge-freezer of this size, you can shop for a week's holiday at once if you wish, knowing that you've pretty much got as much space here as you'd have at home.



A small dresser behind the wardrobe alongside the bed



Notice the small built-in drainer by the tap



There are two little shelves above the bed and more on the wall near the shower room



Two sockets and a recess for charging your phones



Plenty of storage places and surface in this room-dividing dresser



A complexity of cupboards and shelving in the shower room

Go caravan says ...

We'd guess that Swift won't be able to keep the sunroof idea to itself for very long; this lovely design feature may be a trend-setter. For now, though, exclusivity rules – and enhances the 630 beautifully. Alde warmth that you can programme 24/7, big kitchen, big fridge, ample-sized full rear washroom, six power points... the 630 seems to have it all. And on its tow test, the twin-axle geometry ensured that the big 630 was every bit the rock-stable caravan we'd expected. Only the table storage and the lack of heated towel rail diminishes the gloss of the stunningly grey-sided, black-fronted Conqueror 630.

Swift Conqueror 630

PRICE	£21,104
LENGTHS	Body 6.27m Overall 7.99m
Width	2.31m
Headroom	1.95m
Weight	1654kg (MRO) 1855kg (MTPLM)



fruit juice and know that the fridge will swallow them. You can chill the beer and the sparkling water and the wine all at once.

So how well does this gigantic kitchen work? There are three gas burners and an Aga-style mains hotplate (we like that), a microwave that's about 10cm lower than in many caravans (shorter caravanners will like) and a domestic-sized circular sink with small built-in drainer (we like that a lot). And there's a vast dresser opposite, ready to help you out when you're serving food. A kitchen for banquets, then.

There is, of course, a reason why there are so many cupboards in the 630. There's no Truma heater to gobble up furniture space. Warmth rises from behind the seat backs, from a panel beside the bed and a mesh-covered area on the back wall of the washroom. This is the Alde central heating system that circulates hot water around the caravan, cocooning you in warmth silently and evenly. Unfortunately, though, Swift has missed an opportunity to make the most of the Alde system; the 630 (in common with others in the range) doesn't have a heated towel rail in the washroom. It's not essential, but it is something you'll find in Alde-heated caravans by other manufacturers. A couple of towel loops above the heating aperture in the washroom would have helped. The loop and two hooks are too far from the heating duct to benefit from direct heat. Some will say this is a minor point – but whenever the weather is too bad to dry stuff outside, heated towel rails are something you'll truly value.

The 630's layout manages to push the bed well away from the living area. That's not just a reflection of the caravan's overall length (a smidgen off eight metres), it's about the clear division between kitchen and bedroom. Yet the divider that curves out from the rear of the dresser manages to create this demarcation while still being unobtrusive.

Storing things in the bedroom is easy, when you consider the under-bed hatch gives you more space than you're ever likely to need. Large, bulky folding chairs, windbreaks and folding tables for your awning will all disappear under here and still leave space for more. But there is something surprising and disappointing here. The dining table is stored under the bed – and it's awkward to remove and install. The angle of lift means that it takes far more strength than sliding a table into the usual vertical slot. We can understand the designer's desire to find an out-of-the-way place for the table but we would have gladly sacrificed a few centimetres of space in the main kitchen cupboard in order to avoid that awkward under-bed lift.