



Swift Voyager 695 EL £50,317



In just over seven metres the EL manages to pack two seating areas – an amazingly spacious U-shaped lounge at the rear and a four-seater dining area opposite the kitchen

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It sleeps four and has four travel seats. There's an over-cab double bed and, at the rear, the option of sleeping in two single beds or a massive double that makes across the whole width of the motorhome. So far so predictable.

But there's something amazing about this motorhome's bed option: you can widen the single beds by pulling out the base which has a single U-shaped leg assembly – it's a really easy operation. Pull these bed bases fully out from under each settee to form the base of the double bed in seconds. It is this spacious lounge-bed area that is the 695 EL's strong appeal; there's plenty of space to relax – and you have a separate dining area at the front as well. At night the rear section can be partitioned from the rest of



Bedtime for some...
Two can get cosy out of the way in the over-cab bed area

Exquisite...
Window dressing is fine panels and voiles that make you think of higher price-brackets

For the TV...
A television bracket and sockets are on this pillar that divides cab from dining area

Seating for four...
Cab seats swivel to face the dining table

Tasteful and light...
Pale creams and fawns – but this upholstery isn't boring

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Cosy overcab bed



More cupboards...
A good-sized cupboard here plus the shelves to the left for when you're on a pitch

Upper storage...
... is excellent, with more cupboards over the table opposite, too

Big sink...
Circular sinks make for easy washing up because most plates and pans are that shape!

Slightly bowed...
...but not obtrusive, the fridge front matches the rest of the woodwork

Dual fuel hob...
You get three gas burners plus a mains hotplate



The wrap-around rear lounge is a superb place in which to relax



Small but practical vanity area



The separate shower has a removable base cover that extends floor space when it's in place

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the motorhome by means of a pleated blind. Just forward of the lounge is a jacket-length wardrobe with two shelves beneath; the wardrobe shares its space with the gas bottle housing, which is why the hanging space is curtailed. It's a clever use of space.

The washroom is opposite. Here again, the designers have made ingenious use of small space. The shower has a wooden slatted base. When the shower is not in use, this base extends the floor area as you can step into the shower base, creating enough space in which to dress.

If there's one criticism of this motorhome it has to be lack of lower kitchen storage space. Apart from the good-sized fridge and under-oven pan department, there is only one slim unit, which contains two wire basket shelves. Upper kitchen storage space, though, is excellent. Above the workspace is a cupboard plus two central open shelves. Over the dining table are two more head lockers, one with a shelf; the other fitted with recesses for cups and plates – and a web of mini-bungee-type bands that enables you to secure your tableware.

The refinements of this motorhome put it into a luxury class rather above its price station. Window trimmings are simply lovely: panels about 30cm wide, with permanent, wide pleats are topped with an angled section of shiny suede-look fabric and the whole panel is lined, so it hangs neatly. You also have fine voiles – and the pleated blinds, have a cream and fawn obscure pattern that keys in with the creams and fawns of the upholstery and curtains.

The styling count goes on climbing the more you look at this motorhome. Marking the edge of the dome that gives you head space for the over-cab bed is a metal-effect strip running between two spotlights – and on each end are speakers.

Power comes from a Fiat 130 Multijet unit; a 160bhp with automatic gearbox is an option. Most of the lighting is LEDs, saving your battery power – and wiring is installed for solar panels, together with the necessary roof strengthening.

The heating system is a gas or mains Combi boiler – and you can use it on gas when you're on the move; blown air ensures the whole motorhome is warm at all times, so you're not just relying on the cab heating. The boiler is under the rear seating area, taking care of both water and space heating in one small unit.

Go motorhome says ...
This motorhome has a lot of family appeal. It's well styled with lots of finesse, has as spacious a lounge as you'll find anywhere in mid-sized coachbuilt territory and has a good-sized separate dining area. We like the option of fresh and waste water tank heaters to prevent the possibility of freezing and we like even more the ease of driving this motorhome, brought about by excellent mirror visibility and a small amount of through-view via the large lounge window.

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Price	£50,317
Berths	4
Belted seats	4
Base vehicle	Fiat X20/50 Ducato 2.3-litre 130 bhp
Size	7.08m (l) 2.33m (w) 3.05m (h)
Weight	4005kg (MTPLM)
Payload	565kg