

Lunar Stellar

CANDY EVANS takes a look at Lunar's small but luxurious two-berth caravan

THE 2016 Stellar caught my attention at last summer's caravan launch event as it, along with its larger siblings in the Lexon range, was described as having a "boutique hotel feel". Lunar has definitely been braver than usual in its fabrics, but I think it works. Although I'm still not entirely sure about the grey animal-print on the backrests (pictured left), overall the grey furnishings and contrasting reds in the curtains and scatter cushions are striking. I liked them when I first stepped inside and six months on I think they stand the test of time. The caravan has a standard two-berth, corner washroom layout with half the 'van dedicated to a comfortable living area and the other half split between a well-equipped kitchen and washroom.

The kitchen has a fair amount of workspace. The Thetford Aspire II cooker has a separate grill and oven beneath the hob, with its three gas burners and electric hotplate. You shouldn't be short of storage space, with several eye-level cupboards and a substantial corner unit complete with cutlery tray.

On the other side of the entrance door, the kitchen continues with a microwave in a dresser-style unit on one side of the caravan and a Dometic black-fronted fridge/freezer on the other. Above the latter is a good-size

wardrobe with hanging rail and next to it is storage space for the freestanding table.

You'll also find the washroom at this end of the caravan. It's a fair size with a separate shower featuring a water-saving Ecocamel showerhead. Storage is good here too, with three shelves above the toilet and a doublefronted cupboard beneath the basin. There are three places for your towels - a couple of hooks and a towel ring - adding to the usability of this space.

In the living area the plentiful eye-level cupboards have aluminium strips to differentiate them from the plain cream ones in the kitchen area and several distinctive aluminium light fittings, which add to the stylish feel here. The cube lights in the corners, in particular, give a lovely effect on a dark day on the campsite.

Another new feature for 2016 Stellar caravans is the rooflight that stretches along most of the living area. It is very effective at brightening the caravan in the rain and, unlike the panoramic front windows in some of its competitors, still allows you to have plenty of high-level storage.

Couple all this with practical standard features such as a spare wheel, an AL-KO electronic stability system and an intruder alarm, and you have a very well-specified caravan that's light enough to be towed by a variety of smaller family cars - even with a B-class driving licence. If you're looking for a stylish caravan, the new Stellar should definitely be on your list.

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Price as tested £17,524 Club Care insurance £263 Berths Two Bed sizes Double 2.09m x 1.84m or two singles 1.84 x 0.73m Kitchen Three-burner hob with electric hotplate; grill; oven; microwave Electrics Three 230V sockets; two 12V sockets with TV aerial point Gas Mountings for two 7kg cylinders Length x width x height 5.72m x 2.33m x 2.66m Mass in Running Order 1,072kg **Maximum Technically** Permissible Laden Mass 1,210kg User payload 138kg **BE licence required** No with suitable vehicle such as a Nissan Qashqai 1.5dci Acenta Warrantv Three years parts and labour; six years body shell integrity Manufacturer Lunar Web www.lunarcaravans.com With thanks to **Oxford Caravan Centre** Tel 01844 339566 Web www.swindoncaravansgroup.com

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A stylish, relatively lightweight caravan for two with plenty of standard features.