



Beginning to erect the SunnCamp



Sleeping areas in place

Holiday in the Sunn

CANDY EVANS explores the sizeable trailer tent that is the SunnCamp Holiday 400 SE

THE SUNNCAMP HOLIDAY 400 SE TRAILER tent is definitely big. Tucked inside the surprisingly compact trailer is an incredibly spacious and versatile holiday home, which provides great value-for-money for a growing family. Or anyone else, for that matter.

As you might expect of a unit of this size – whether it's a trailer tent, tent or awning – the Holiday 400 SE takes a while to erect and most people would want a second pair of hands to help. However, SunnCamp has some tips to make things easier. For example, if you zip the large awning in place and throw the fabric back over the sleeping cabin, there's plenty of free space to erect the steel frame before unfolding the canvas over it.

The frame itself is sturdy – if a little complex. Each pole is numbered with a sticker that will probably not last long, but when you've pitched the unit once it becomes reasonably obvious where everything goes.

Inside the main cabin – which you can pitch without the awning if you're only staying a night or two – are a couple of large comfortable double beds with plenty of high-level ventilation in the sleeping area. The 100 per cent cotton canvas has a lovely traditional feel and is not prone to condensation – though there are roof liners throughout just in case.

The large panel at the front of the awning comes in two sections and can be positioned right at the

front, giving a very large (4m x 4m) internal living area. Alternatively, it can zip in half-way back, so you can enjoy a sun canopy if the weather's good. In less clement conditions, an extra panel is provided so you can stagger the front, giving a covered porch area where you can hide from the rain to take off your wet clothing but still enjoy some extra space inside.

At the side of the awning is a useful annex. This includes a wardrobe with a hanging rail, obscured window for those who prefer to install a toilet, and a separate kitchen area complete with skylight. The kitchen unit includes a sink with drainer, two-burner hob with grill and loads of storage space in a sturdy cabinet that clips neatly to the back of the trailer when you're travelling.

Unfortunately, this annex means the pitched trailer tent is 20cm too wide for a standard Club Site pitch (you'll need to call your chosen Site directly to book). But it's worth the odd inconvenience – the annex and a chemical toilet means the 400 SE would be a great unit to use on a limited facility site, such as the Club's many Certificated Sites or Temporary Holiday Sites. Add this to the trailer tent's compact size for storage during the rest of the year and you have an great, reasonably-priced unit for family holidays in a well-put together package. And if you would prefer a unit for a Club Site pitch size, take a look at the 400 SE's smaller sibling, the Holiday 240 SE.

at a
glance
**SunnCamp
Holiday 400 SE**

Type Trailer tent
Recommended retail price £2,820

Expect to pay £2,700

Club Care Insurance £61

Trailer size (length x width x height) 3.67m x 1.25m x 1.05m

Overall size 6.2m x 5.2m

Max headroom 2.3m

Berths Four plus two in optional under-bed cabins

Bed sizes Two doubles (2m x 1.42m)

Kitchen Two-burner hob with grill; sink with drainer

Specification includes Spare wheel

Options include Spare wheel carrier; carry rack for top of trailer; brackets for storing the unit on its side; fridge box; under-bed tent

Weight 335kg

Maximum Gross Weight 500kg

User payload 165kg

Warranty One years

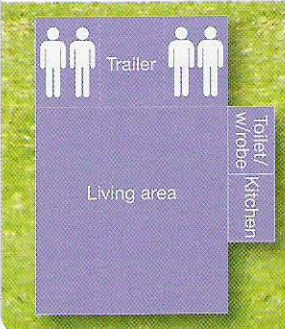
Plus points Space inside; separate wardrobe and kitchen area; 100 per cent cotton canvas

Minus points Slightly too large for a standard Club pitch

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Verdict In value-for-money terms, the SunnCamp is about as good as you can get for convenience and space in a single package.