



Guide to... VISITING THE NEC SHOW

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Plan your visit to NEC show

Check the logistics before you go and you'll enjoy a superb day out!
Here's everything you need to know to make the most of your visit

Opening times

The show runs from 17-22 October 2023 and is open from 10am to 6pm each day.

Tickets

Tickets for the show can be purchased for £12.50 until 16 October, after which the price increases to £15.50. There's also a £1.25 transaction fee applied.

Children up to the age of 15 get in for free when they are accompanying a paying ticket holder, but free tickets still need to be acquired online. Similarly, a carer is also allowed in for free when accompanying a Registered Disabled visitor with a valid ticket – a free carer's ticket will be required.

Tickets can only be used on the day they are purchased for, and buy before you set off – tickets are not sold at the door! You can purchase tickets via www.mcshow.co.uk.

Parking

Parking at the Motorhome and Caravan Show is included in the price of your

ticket. Car parks are open from 7am to 11pm – once you reach the NEC, keep your eyes peeled for the car park signposted 'Motorhome and Caravan Show'.

Disabled parking is also available, but you can't pre-book it – the NEC asks you to bring your Blue Badge, too.

Accessibility

The show asks visitors to bring their Blue Badge with them. If you plan to take a taxi to the NEC and you have your Blue Badge, you can be dropped off (and picked up again) from the main entrances.

The NEC provides wheelchairs free of charge for Blue Badge holders (otherwise £5), but recommends bringing your own if you can, because the supply is limited. There is also the option of hiring mobility scooters (£15 per day), with booking in advance encouraged, by emailing info@necgroup.co.uk.

To find out more about accessibility at the Motorhome and Caravan Show, go to:

➤ mcshow.co.uk/plan-your-visit/disabled-access

Where to stay

The closest campsite to the NEC is the Caravan & Motorhome Club's temporary site. The site provides hook-up and fresh-water and waste disposal, as well as toilets. The site is located in NEC Birmingham North Car Parks 10 and 10a.

➤ caravanclub.co.uk/whats-on/temporary-sites/NEC-October-temporary-campsite

You'll also find a number of other campsites in the surrounding area, including Stanmore Hall Touring Park, a finalist in our *Top 100 Sites Guide 2023*. Another option is Kingsbury Water Park.

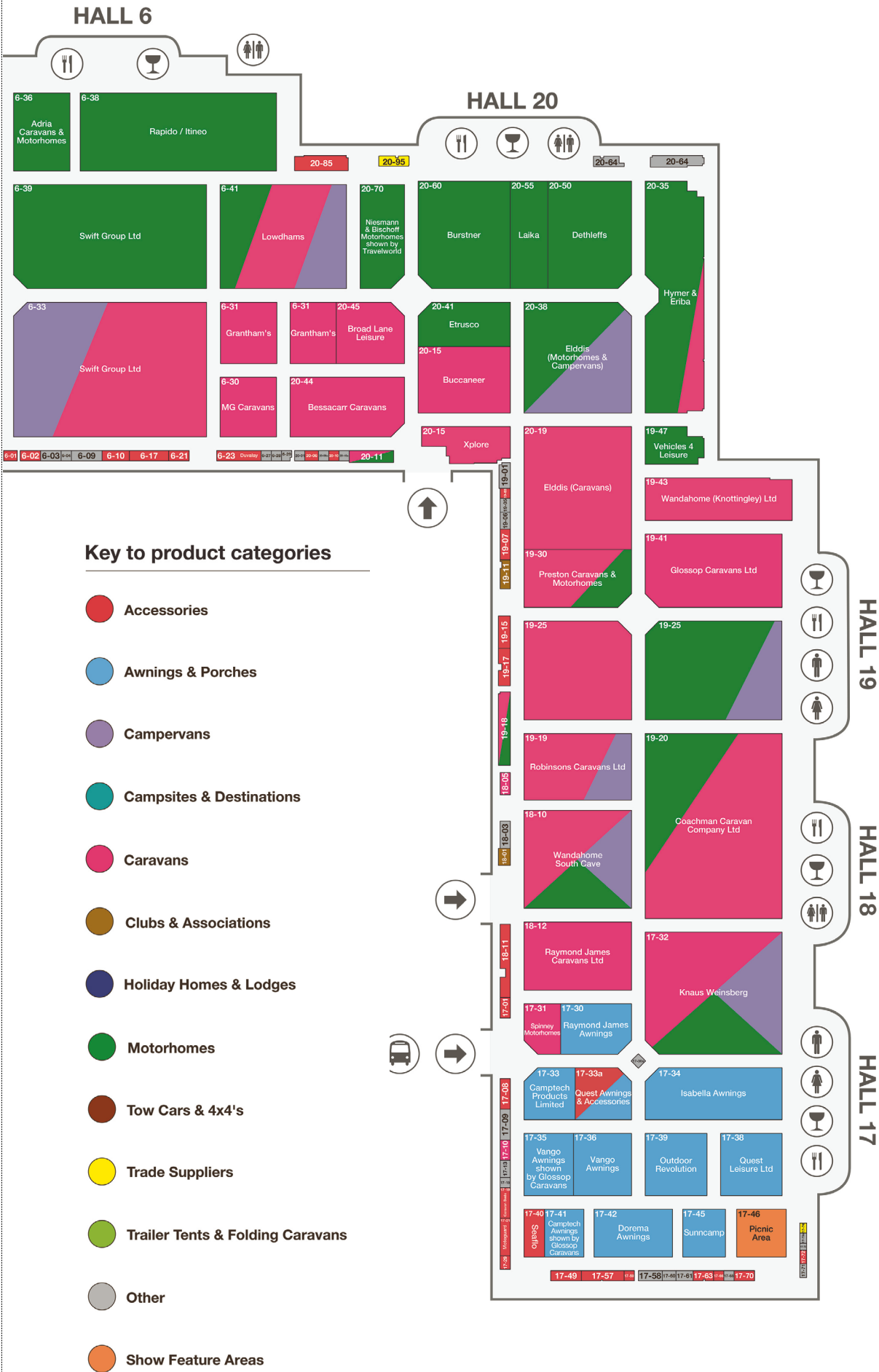
➤ morris-leisure.co.uk/caravan-parks/stanmore-hall-bridgnorth.htm

➤ campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/campsites/uk/west-midlands/sutton-coldfield/kingsbury-water-park-camping-and-caravanning-club-site

Plan ahead and
enjoy a great day
out at the NEC









How to buy a caravan at a show

We reveal 14 essential tips for getting the most from any show visit, and finding the perfect caravan for your needs!

Research brands before you visit the show. Check out our annual Owner Satisfaction Survey results – each year, *Practical Caravan* readers and members of The Camping and Caravanning Club tell us all about their buying and owning experiences, both of their caravan and of their interactions with the supplying dealership.

We then draw up tables of those brands and dealers who have impressed them the most – it's essential reading for anyone considering buying, whether at a show or elsewhere. To see the latest results, go to www.practicalcaravan.com/OSS-2023.

Once you've decided on the brand, **make a list** of all the features that you'd like your new caravan to have, including 'must-haves' and 'nice-to-haves'.

For example, if you're only planning to use your caravan in the summer months, there's not much point in having things like Alde-type heating (which will increase both the weight and the cost). Conversely, if you're a hardy soul who's going away whatever the season, there might be.

If you're a family with young children, while a fixed-bed layout may look very attractive, it might not be that practical for your use. Our Buyer's Guide (p116) can help narrow down potential models that could best suit your needs – work out the number of berths you'll require, and take it from there.

Think carefully about your budget and don't forget to factor in the additional cost of insurance, kit, covers, an awning and more.

Make sure your car can safely and legally tow your potential new caravan. *Practical Caravan* and the major touring Clubs advise adhering to the 85% guideline, particularly if you're new to the art of towing.

To find out more about this, so you can check your car is likely to be suitable for towing the caravan you're interested in,



Find out whether your vehicle can tow the caravan you have in mind

see our comprehensive guide to caravan weights at practicalcaravan.com/advice/caravan-genius-weights-and-measures.

The next step is to **plan your route** around the show. Take a look at our map of the NEC Motorhome & Caravan Show on p70 if that's where you're planning to visit – use a pen to mark out your route to save on time and shoe leather! Factor in some breaks, too – you'll need them as the show is large.

It's time to start **looking inside caravans!** Your first impressions are vital, but be aware that most

of the tourers on display will have some form of extra lighting (usually tucked up into the rooflights) to give perhaps a false impression of light levels.

Try not to be drawn in by showroom glitz, but pay attention to the detail. Imagine what the caravan will look like without the show lights – is there enough illumination for you to be able to read comfortably during the evening?

Don't be afraid to **spend as much time in a specific model** as you want, so you can check that it's just right for you. Kick off your shoes and lie down on the beds – are they comfortable and long enough? Is there sufficient room in the shower to wash in comfort?

Open the drawers and lockers – will there be enough space for all of your kit? Does the washroom door intrude into the kitchen area when you open it, and if so, can you live with that? Don't let a dealer rush you – take your time and thoroughly test out every aspect of the layout.

It's highly unlikely that you'll find the 'perfect' caravan, because they are all a compromise in one way



It makes sense to plan your route around the halls



Check where any dealers you speak to are based

or another, but if you can live with small foibles, **don't write off that particular model.** If it would be an irritation (and can't be altered) every time you use the caravan, then look elsewhere.

➤ **Keep an eye out for great deals** at the show. Buying at an event can bring additional benefits, including 'freebies' from manufacturers or dealers. These could include a motor mover or other valuable options, or offer exclusive show-only discounts on vans sold there.

➤ If you're a seasoned caravanner and you know a good dealer who is not too far from your home, check to see if they're represented at the show.

If you're new to the game, be careful. **Find out where any dealer you speak to is based.** It may be that you're offered a fantastic deal on a new caravan, but if their HQ is a couple of hundred miles away from where you live, it's likely to be a poor deal overall.

Why? Sadly, the chances are that you will need something rectifying under warranty, so you don't want to have to travel for hours to get the work done.

➤ **Take lots of photographs** of models you're interested in. That way, you can go away and discuss your potential purchase over a coffee, and have images to refer to in case of queries. Don't forget to take a photo of the outside of each caravan, so you know

which one is which! It's also a good idea to take a snap of the information board you'll find outside each model, for reference.

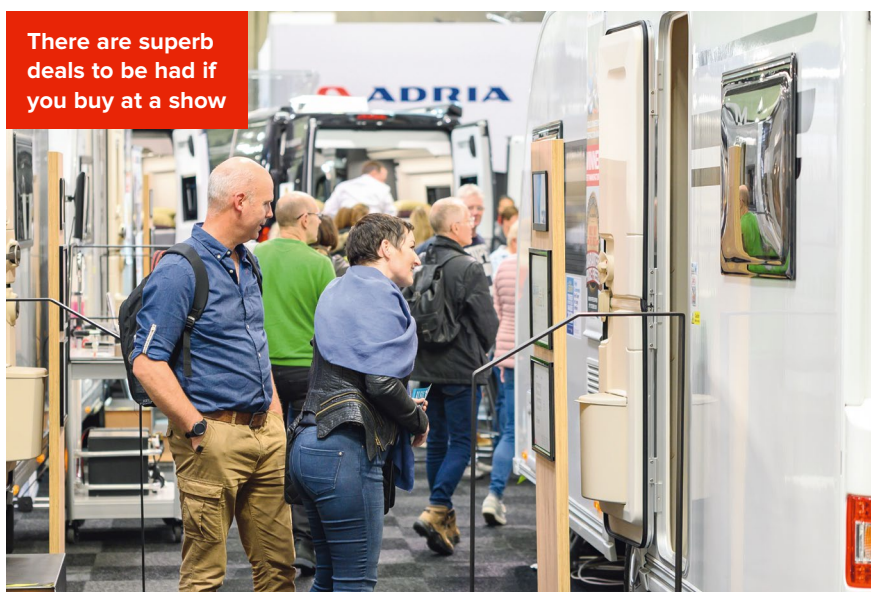
➤ How are you financing your new caravan? If it's with a loan, finance arrangements are usually available at the shows. In addition, the main finance companies normally maintain a presence at the shows, so you should be able to get a pretty instant decision.

Only you can decide the best way to fund your purchase, but either way, **decide on a budget and stick to it** – it's easy to be tempted to spend more than you planned in the heat of the moment.

➤ Remember that **you don't have to sign on the dotted line** there and then. If possible, speak to a couple of dealerships. Ask for an exact price from the dealer: if you come across one who sidetracks and won't give you a firm price, walk away and seek out another. Bear in mind, though, that by purchasing after the show ends, you might miss out on any special event deals.

➤ Chances are you'll be given a date for manufacture, but don't be too surprised if that comes and goes. **Stay in close contact with the dealer** for the latest updates on your new van.

There are superb deals to be had if you buy at a show





New for 2024

There's plenty to see at the NEC show, and here's a selection of the brilliant new-season launches you'll likely be able to view

ADRIA

Stand 7.30/35/36

Although much of Adria's attention this season has been on motorhomes and campervans, customers looking for a new caravan should not feel left out.

That's because this year's October show is planned to host the much-delayed UK launch of the new four-berth Action model – the Adria caravan designed for those who love the great outdoors.

The 391 PT comes with a drop-down bed over the front lounge. You get the same rugged style, inside and out, although the colour across the lower half of each Action model is now back to being charcoal, after a brief flirtation with blue.

➤ adria.co.uk



BAILEY

Stand 19.25

Bailey is known for not following the seasonal cycle, but despite that, this year the Bristol manufacturer will have not one but two new ranges on show – both brought out in time to celebrate the company's 75th birthday.

The Phoenix GT75 remains a six-model line-up, with the five-berth 650 replaced by the six-berth 762 (reviewed in issue 468).

The Pegasus Grande GT75 range of 8ft-wide caravans, meanwhile, has dropped from seven models to six. We've said goodbye to the fixed

single beds Rimini and the two six-berths with two dinettes, the Palermo and the Turin.

The rest of the range continues, including the four-berth Messina, reviewed in this issue on p52. They are joined by the new Portofino, a comfortable four-berth with an inline island bed at the rear, and the Amalfi, a spacious six-berth with a corner bed and bunks behind a central washroom.

One thing that both of the new ranges have in common is the inclusion of a Sonos speaker in place of any fitted radio.

➤ baileyofbristol.co.uk

BUCCANEER

Stand 20.15

Erwin Hymer UK's upmarket brand of twin-axle 8ft-wide caravans remains a strong contender in the luxury market. Here you'll see the full range of layouts, some with an L-shaped lounge that provides a perfect space for watching TV while you are away, and all with a high level of spec and a great finish.

➤ elddis.co.uk/brands/buccaneer

BAREFOOT

Stand 11.21

Barefoot is known for its monocoque caravans decked out in bright colours. The star attraction at this show will be a new pink version of the Forward, with smart white styling inside. Barefoot is growing: its caravans are now being manufactured under licence in the US, and the company has 33 dealers over there already.

➤ go-barefoot.co.uk





CAMPERLANDS

Stand 12.35

Just a few years ago, this Manchester-based camping accessory and equipment supplier branched out into producing cleverly designed, lightweight mini-caravans, and it is still going strong.

The latest new model, the Campmaster Duo, will make its debut at the show.

With an MTPLM of just 750kg, this two-berth should easily be towable by even quite modest cars. And at just 2m wide, it ought to make it down those narrow country lanes with little difficulty.

Yet it still manages to include a double bed, LED lighting, a heater, a fridge, and mains and 12V electrics. And all for just £11,699!

➤ camperlands.co.uk



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COACHMAN

Stand 19.20

Two revised layouts should be on display on the Coachman stand. The Laser Xcel 850 has had its transverse bed flipped around, and the wardrobe is more integrated into the rear bedroom.

Meanwhile, the standard Laser 665, with rear fixed single beds behind a central washroom, has been widened to 8ft, gaining the Xtra tag.

Elsewhere, the main changes in Coachman this season are a switch away from Dometic to Thetford products: last year's much-in-evidence two-way opening Dometic Series 10 fridge has now been replaced by a Thetford fridge and freezer.

The Lusso range continues as four models, Laser Xcel as two; standard Laser goes from four to three (with the loss of the 620 Xtra), and VIP drops a model (the 540 Xtra) to go down to five, while Acadia remains a four-model offering.

➤ coachman.co.uk



CAMPD

Stand 17.10

Campod vans are made by Leisure Pods, which has over a decade's experience making trailers for outdoor caterers.

Apart from their unusual shape and their light weight (between 800kg and 1000kg, so towable by standard cars), the caravans are also known for independent suspension.

This means the floor inside can be lowered to provide better headroom.

The parallel settees can also easily have their position changed to suit their use, depending on whether you are lounging, dining, or planning to draw them together to create a bed.

The large side windows in these vans can be opened.

At the show, Campod will be displaying a van with a new pastel-blue colour scheme, both inside and out, and with smart blue LED lighting, too.

➤ campodcaravans.com

COMPASS/ELDDIS

Stand 20.19/20.38

Compass and Elldis are two of the brands produced by the UK branch of the Erwin Hymer Group.

The cheaper two ranges in each brand – Casita and Capiro in Compass and Avanté and Affinity in Elldis – have identical layouts and only differ in colour schemes. Compass is largely blue and grey inside and out, while Elldis goes more for reds

and browns. The most upmarket range in each brand – Camino in Compass and Crusader in Elldis – is also largely identical, except for the extra twin-axle island-bed Storm model offered in Elldis.

This flexible approach by the designers means there should be models for every preference, from neat little end-kitchen two-berths, all the way up to generous, 8ft-wide family models.

➤ elldis.co.uk





ERIBA

Stand 20.35

The Eriba name now graces the side of all the brand's caravans sold in the UK. But historically, it is best known for its smaller Touring models – well-built little caravans that sit low on the road but include a pop-up roof to provide liveable headroom once you are on site.

This range is the main focus for the show, with the launch of three new special-edition models, whose lower halves are decked out in bright primary colours.

You can take your pick of Nugget Gold, Tango Red and Harbour Blue. Each of the three special editions has a matching interior colour – yellow tones to match Nugget Gold, a 'Tulsa' finish with Tango Red, and an 'Orlando' finish with Harbour Blue.

The elegant co-ordination extends to a range of matching accessories, too, including an awning, scatter cushions, towels, blankets, and even a washbag.

➤ eriba.com



GO PODS

Stand 12.145

These micro-tourers are a regular feature at the NEC show, and for this season, you'll find that they have undergone a major refresh.

Interior shelving has now been replaced with lockers with full catches, new magazine pouches have been added, and all interior lighting has been changed to a warm tone, including a new set of lights in the footwell.

In addition, there are now three new interior colour schemes to choose from. There is Silk Azurite, with anti-fingerprint protection for the furniture, which combines with White Snow worktops and Birchwood flooring. Then there is White Antique furniture, with natural wood worktops and warmer wood flooring. Or you could go for light-grey furniture, with textured urban stone worktops and grey wood flooring.

On top of that, you can choose from five smart new ranges of fabrics for the upholstery, including a velour.

➤ go-pods.co.uk

HOBBY

Stand 9.110

The German brand is the largest caravan manufacturer in the world. Head to this stand to see the luxurious, Scandi-inspired Maxia range, designed mainly for families on seasonal pitches. The more mid-market Excellent and Excellent Edition line-up has been revamped inside, as have the entry-level De Luxe and On Tour ranges.

➤ hobby-caravans.co.uk

KNAUS

Stand 17.32

Knaus is known for design innovation, exhibited this season with the Yaseo. These lightweight caravans have a reduced front panel and ergonomic design, to make them more suitable for electric cars. Space-saving ideas inside include a double wall bed, a collapsible shower cubicle and wall panels with storage space for two ebikes.

➤ knaus.com/en-uk



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LA MANCELLE

Stand 8.25

La Mancelle is the latest French caravan range to be distributed across the UK by Marquis Leisure, the UK's largest motorhome dealership network, which also deals in selected caravans.

Two ranges – Fantaisy and Liberty – will be on display at the show, and the Liberty in particular, with its pointed, ergonomic front (*inset photo*), gives away the automotive origins of this high-end brand.

La Mancelle is so called because it hales from Le Mans, world-famous for its 24-hour car race. But the French firm is no newcomer to the leisure vehicle industry: it has been producing caravans for well over 60 years now.

➤ marquisleisure.co.uk



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MINK

Stand 12.190

Devised in Iceland and made in Latvia, the Mink teardrop caravan, with a double bed in the main cabin and a kitchen out the back, has always been designed to suit those seeking off-road adventures.

This year, its latest launch, the Highlander, takes that idea just a little bit further still, with a matt-black coating and bigger fenders and tyres, not to mention increased ground clearance.

➤ minkcampers.com

SWIFT

Stand 6.39/6.33

Swift is bolstering its popular Challenger range this season with the new Challenger Exclusive, sold through a select band of dealers but ready to view at this year's show.

Look out, too, for the Elegance Grande, a range of luxurious 8ft-wide caravans that are available as single- and twin-axle models.

Sprite remains a lively entry-level range in the mix, alongside the sporty Basecamp. All this and more will be on the stand.

➤ swiftgroup.co.uk



XPLORE

Stand 20.15

Xplore is Erwin Hymer UK's budget brand, which you can possibly tell by the way that only carpet runners are fitted as standard (although some caravanners might say that this is a godsend!).

They are decked out very cheerfully inside, and although in layout terms, they mirror many Elddis and Compass models, there is still room for really innovative offerings, such as the Xplore 304 – with an MTPLM of just 1043kg and at 5.54m long, it also manages to provide a side dinette as well as a spacious, comfortable L-shaped front lounge.

➤ elddis/brands/xplore





Awnings

An awning can make a huge difference to your touring enjoyment. Here are just some of the new models you can see at the NEC



DOMETIC **Stand 12.42**

Dometic's line-up of awnings remains unchanged for the 2024 season. However, it is expanding the size range of its flagship Residence Air All Season Awning. This polycotton model is made

with Dometic's Weathershield All Season UV-resistant material, which is designed for touring all year round, including in hot climates.

The awning also comes with single-point inflation, external blinds and an integrated canopy.

For 2024, the awning will be available in three more large sizes: size 11 (9000-9250mm awning rails), size 12 (for 9250-9500mm rails), and a third size, probably better suited to static caravans and holiday homes.

➤ dometic.com

OUTDOOR REVOLUTION

Stand 17.39

Outdoor Revolution won't have anything new on its stand for 2024 – it is leaving all that for the February show. But it should have some 2023 models to sell, and given the variety of awnings that this company produces, you are more than likely to pick up an excellent bargain here.

➤ outdoor-revolution.com

GLAWNING

Stand 12.130

Glawning has carved out a niche in recent years for polycotton awnings that look more like bell tents – the kind of thing you would see at a glamping site. For this season, it comes to the NEC with a new-design canopy connecting the bell tent to your caravan, which includes a side door for easier access.

➤ glawning.com



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ISABELLA

Stand 17.34

The upmarket manufacturer has two new products to tempt caravanners this season.

The first is the Nordic, a poled awning aimed very much at those looking for a seasonal pitch. Made with Isabella's solid megaframe, the Nordic has a strong PVC roof as well as double PVC mudflaps, to keep out the worst of the British weather.

The fully interchangeable front and side panels are made of Isacryl, designed by Isabella to be more breathable and easy to keep clean.

As well as the standard ventilation in the roof, there are two vertical ventilation strips that you can zip closed for extra protection. Of course,

seasonal-pitch caravans are often left unattended for long periods, and for that reason, the Nordic also comes with external blinds you can close with toggles, to keep out the sun's rays (and prying eyes).

For a touch of elegance, an optional solar-powered lamp

can be fitted in the front of the awning. The Nordic is available in 240cm and 300cm depths.

By way of contrast, the Dove is a new porch awning from Ventura – Isabella's air awning sister brand.

Designed for caravans and motorhomes, its height can

be adjusted and it comes with double beading, so you should easily be able to move it onto another vehicle. isabella.net

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QUEST LEISURE

Stand 17.38

Head to the Quest stand to see awnings produced by the company, and the imported German Westfield brand.

For the 2024 season, the Galaxy XL 2.0, a flagship model with a Tencate fabric roof, and two Hydrotech cotton-touch fabric awnings,

the Pluto 2.0 and the Vega 2.0, will be on display with updated colourways, and with new and improved tubes and sleeves.

Check out the new Kari, too – this sun canopy with zip-in optional sides and front is also made of cotton-touch fabric, and is designed with handy single-point inflation.

questleisure.com

VANGO

Stand 17.35/17.36

Vango will have models from three of its air awning ranges designed for caravans.

The Balletto line-up has the recognisable 'lean-to' shape, while the Riviera range comes with a pitched roof that you would possibly associate more with poled awnings.

Finally, there's the Tuscany, with its bowed front panel, designed to offer maximum

sheltered space. All three ranges are made with Vango's Elements Shield or Elements ProShield waterproof fabric, which features Colourlok technology to slow down the process of fading.

They all also come with single-point inflation, to make putting them up a doddle, and multiple-point deflation, which makes it much easier to get all the air out.

vango.co.uk

TELTA

Stand 17.30

(Raymond James)

Head to the Raymond James stand to see the full range of awnings from this relatively new company, cofounded by Max Lawless, who previously worked at Kampa, the firm his father founded.

Telta differs from other manufacturers in the sector in being solely focused on awnings, not tents as well,

and in producing air awnings that are made of nylon.

It claims nylon has better elasticity than polyethylene, so the tubes in the awnings can be pumped to a higher pressure for stronger support and a smoother appearance, with fewer creases attracting unwelcome condensation.

mytelta.com





What's going on...

We explore what's happening around the show halls,
from inspirational speakers to the latest must-have accessories

LOOK WHO'S TALKING! Head to the Inspiration Theatre for brilliant Guest Speakers



Joe Swash

Former *EastEnders* and winner of *I'm a Celebrity* Joe Swash will be swinging by the show to chat with comedian and writer Rowland Rivron.

TV presenter Joe bought a campervan during lockdown to holiday with his wife, Stacey Solomon, and young family.

Stop by to hear revelations about his time on the road, top travelling tips – and no doubt a few laughs along the way.

When 18 October at 12.30pm



Marcus Leach

A regular columnist for our sister publication *Practical Motorhome*, award-winning travel writer and cyclist Marcus Leach is currently engaged on a mammoth tour of Europe and beyond. But he'll be back in the UK to give his talk, 'Eastern Delight: A Practical Guide to Touring in Greece and Bulgaria', in which he takes us on a tour through two of Europe's most intriguing destinations. Marcus will share first-hand advice and knowledge to help you plan your own Balkan adventure.

Join him on an exploration of the wonders of Greece – combining ancient history, mythology and dazzling landscapes – and on into magical Bulgaria, with surprises at every turn.

When Daily, time TBC



Kat Bird

Travel expert Kat 'Wandering' Bird tells all about her recent adventures in Iceland, in her talk entitled 'The Land of Fire and Ice'. On an epic summer road trip that saw her driving from the UK to Iceland and back again, she explored glaciers, waterfalls, volcanoes and ice caves, all under the midnight sun.

When Daily, time TBC



Highlands2Hammocks

Travelling adventurers Gemma and Campbell of the Highlands2Hammocks blog have a passion for Scotland. Here in their talk, 'Scotland's Scenic Road Trips', they give an introduction to the country as a dream destination for touring. Expect an overview of popular routes, including the North Coast 500, the subject of their latest guidebook, *Destination NC500*, along with tips on what to expect when visiting. With insights into the best times to visit, weather conditions, festivals and events, and areas of interest, this is a must-see for anyone planning to explore this beautiful nation.

When 20-22 October, time TBC

Top tip!

Spanning 11 halls, this huge event is the UK leisure vehicle industry's national showcase. That means a lot of walking – so wear comfortable shoes!

Top tip!

With so much to see and do, it's good to have a plan for your day, but don't forget to factor in breaks to rest and refuel, to make the most of your visit

TOW BUSINESS

Take advantage of free towing tuition with **The Camping and Caravanning Club**. The show's official tow car partner will be providing one-to-one sessions where you can get behind the wheel of a car and find out what it's really like to tow. The instructors welcome all abilities, first-timers or old hands. Pre-booking is available via the show's website and a full driver's licence and show ticket are required.

➤ mcshow.co.uk/whats-on/towing-taster-session

TOW-CHECK

Whether you're in the market for a new tow car or want to update your caravan, **TowCheck** is offering showgoers their matching service for free. Experts at the stand can help you check specific combinations of cars and vans, or list safe and legal options if you want to shop around. The team can also advise on general towing information and licence requirements, so it's worth a visit if you want to tow with peace of mind.

➤ mcshow.co.uk/whats-on/tow-check



SUPERB PRIZES TO BE WON!

We know that caravans are better, but for anyone tempted to dip their toes in motorhome waters, there are a couple of superb Club competitions we couldn't resist sharing.

First up is the Caravan and Motorhome Club's holiday of a lifetime to the Canadian Rockies. The prize, worth over £12,500, is for two adults to experience a 26-day escorted motorhome tour to see Calgary, Banff, Radium and much more. You can enter the competition at Stand 9.95 in Hall 9.

Or how about winning a campervan? The Camping and Caravanning Club has partnered with Swift to give you the chance to win a Swift Monza, worth £65,680. Visit Stand 8.10 in Hall 8 to enter.

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ACCESSORISE THIS! Got your caravan? Now to fill it! There's plenty to buy at the show



Fire Safety Stick

An incredibly light, compact and versatile fire extinguisher, this is a safety item suitable for all leisure vehicles.

Weighing in at 215g, it has a 50-second discharge time and is certified for all major classes of fires, including cooking oils/fats. Safe for use inside the van and leaving no damaging mess at all, you can even leave it in the caravan to continue repressing a fire that has occurred, while you escape to safety.

Stand 10.16 in Hall 10



Cadac

Outdoor cooking specialist Cadac is launching two new barbecues – the Carri Chef 40 and the 2 Cook 3 Pro Deluxe QR. The Carri Chef 40 range offers a high-performance burner with automatic piezo ignition, and the unit comes with an adjustable foot on one leg, so you can keep it stable no matter how uneven the ground might be.

The 2 Cook 3 Pro Deluxe QR is packed with features, such as gas ignition protection, a bottom heat shield, dual windshields, a coffee pot stand and a grill plate handle.

Stand 8.01a in Hall 8



Harbour Hounds

Check out these fantastically stylish dog-drying robes, which are 100% absorbent cotton and available in six colours.

They're the perfect way to keep your pet comfortable and dry after a day of messing about in the water!

We'll also be looking to see the EM Tick-Off Dog Necklace, described as a natural way to deter ticks and prevent bites while you explore in grassy areas.

Stand 9.49 in Hall 9



Solar Technology International

With solar panels now an increasingly important part of caravanning kit, we're hoping to see STI's new super-smart Mono High Density products. Featuring ground-breaking technology to deliver superior efficiency, these energy-dense panels are compact and powerful. Available in rigid models up to 200W and semi-flexible versions up to 290W, the panels suit a variety of power needs for leisure vehicles.

Stand 12.188 in Hall 12

For a complete list of accessory companies exhibiting at the show, visit www.mcshow.co.uk



SHOW TICKET GIVE AWAY!

We've partnered with the Motorhome and Caravan Show to give you the chance to win one of 50 pairs of tickets!

Whether you're after a new tourer, want to browse the latest releases, or are looking to talk to the different brands out there, the Motorhome and Caravan Show is quite simply the place to be.

The lucky winners will then get to visit the show on a day of their choice.

For your chance to win and read the full T&Cs, simply head to practicalcaravan.com/competitions before midnight on 3 October 2023 – good luck!



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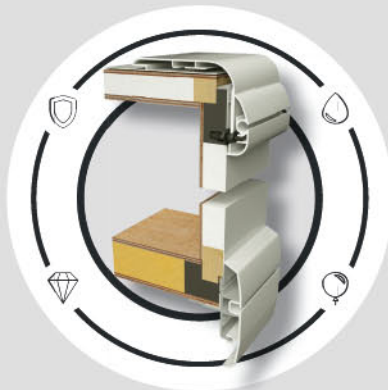
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