

# SIMPLY THE BEST

Here are the award-winning new tents that are better than all the rest

The Out & About Live Camping Awards are the most prestigious and important honours in the UK family camping market. Over the last 12 months, the judges have spent hours putting the latest kit through its paces to help you decide how to spend your money.

Now the winners have been announced and many of the winning tents are on display here for you to see in person.



READ MORE ABOUT THE AWARD WINNING TENTS



## BEST WEEKEND/TOURING TENT OUTWELL NEXION 3

The Outwell Nexion 3 is a pop-up marvel that's ready to go in seconds – no pole wrestling required. Perfect for weekend warriors, festivalgoers or parents chasing peace and quiet, it separates sleeping and storage areas so muddy boots and soggy kit stay out of your sleeping zone.

The ease of set-up, thoughtful storage and a cosy, bug-free sleeping space makes it a standout and our choice for Best Weekend Tent.



## TENT OF THE YEAR AND BEST FAMILY TENT VANGO EDITION 60

It takes something special to rise above the crowd and land the title of overall Tent of the Year, but our judges think this new Vango model thoroughly deserves its place at the top of the pile.

The Vango Edition 60 is a lavish, limited edition tent that is packed full of premium features and should provide years of memorable family holidays.

As well as being named Tent of the Year, the Vango Edition 60 won top prize in the Best Family Tent category.

### WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

"We were hugely impressed by the quality on offer here and it's only fitting that Vango should land our top prize in it's 60th year."

## BEST LARGE FAMILY TENT HOLAWILD AIRTEK SHERWOOD 8.0

If your idea of camping involves acres of space, comfort and a touch of glamping-style grandeur, the Holawild AirTek Sherwood 8.0 should be right up your street.

It's a superb choice for families who want space, practicality and a dash of indulgence – all wrapped up in a well-designed package.



## BEST SMALL FAMILY TENT OUTDOOR REVOLUTION AIREDALE 400T AIR

The Outdoor Revolution Airedale 400T Air is a masterclass in comfort and clever design. This four-person inflatable tunnel tent pitches in just 10 minutes for two people thanks to its Oxygen Air Frame with Dynamic Speed Valve system – perfect if patience isn't your camping strong suit.

The ease of use, thoughtful design, and robust performance justify every penny for families wanting stress-free adventures.



## BEST VALUE FAMILY TENT TRAIL BRAZEN 6

The 2026 crown for Best Value Family Tent goes to Trail for this impressive six-berth shelter that proves you don't need to spend a fortune to camp in comfort.

Currently priced at around £380 (down from the RRP of £700), it delivers space, durability and easy pitching without feeling like a budget compromise.



## BEST GLAMPING TENT HOLAWILD AIRTEK MACHU PICCHU LARGE

If your idea of camping leans more towards boutique hotel than back-to-basics bivvy, the AirTek Machu Picchu Large makes a very compelling case for going full glamp. With an RRP of £1,799.99, this is an investment piece – but one that delivers serious returns in comfort, versatility and sheer wow factor.

The Machu Picchu Large isn't just a tent – it's a statement. And for those who want their camping to come with a generous side of luxury, it absolutely delivers.



## BEST LIGHTWEIGHT TENT ROBENS VIA 2 UL

Robens has truly raised the bar for ultralight trekking tents with the Via 2 UL. At first glance, it's a sleek, minimalist two-person tent, but one step inside reveals clever engineering designed for serious adventurers.

But the magic of the Via 2 UL lies in its versatility. Pitch it as a full tent, just the flysheet, or in the ingenious "porch mode" using your trekking poles to create extra sheltered space.

## BEST FESTIVAL TENT COLEMAN DARWIN 2 PLUS BLACKOUT

When it comes to festival camping, sleep is sacred – and the Coleman Darwin 2 Plus BlackOut (£135) makes sure you get it.

Lightweight, easy to pitch and designed to help you sleep longer, the Darwin 2 Plus BlackOut earns its place at the top of our Best Festival Tent category.



## BEST ROOF TENT ROOF SPACE 4

What makes the Roof Space 4 stand out is its clever hybrid design, combining the best bits of hard-shell and soft-shell roof tents.

You get the quick, fuss-free pitching of a hard shell – ideal when you arrive late or in poor weather – alongside the generous living space you'd expect from a soft-shell model.



## BEST VALUE LIGHTWEIGHT TENT EASY CAMP RAGO 2

For those who want to keep their pack light without skimping on comfort, the Easy Camp Rago 2 is a dream come true. This two-person dome tent is perfect for hikers, cyclists, or anyone who wants a quick-pitch tent that won't weigh them down.

And at £150, it's one of the most accessible options in the lightweight tent category without feeling cheap.



## BEST TRAILER TENT/ FOLDING CAMPER CAMPMASTER ONE MOTION

If you've ever found yourself torn between the comfort of a campervan and the simplicity of a tent, a trailer tent is the perfect middle ground – and the Campmaster One Motion is a great example of why this category continues to grow in popularity.

Whether you're new to trailer tents or upgrading from a basic set-up, this is a thoughtfully designed, highly accessible option that genuinely earns its award.

## BEST CAMPING INNOVATION ZEMPIRE SHAPESHIFTER SERIES

With the Shapeshifter series, New Zealand brand, Zempire, has taken a leap into new territory. This revolutionary modular air tent system is unlike anything else on the market, earning it the top spot in our Camping Innovation category.

At its core, the Shapeshifter concept is simple but offers complete flexibility. Campers start with a base sleeping module and can expand their set-up using a range of additional modules, including extra bedrooms, living areas and awnings.

