



Swift Charisma 610 £14,631



Island bed luxury, a large kitchen and a spacious lounge – the 610 has a lot of appeal. For a couple it has a permanent lounge – yet this Charisma is also a true family caravan

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Twin single beds (or a massive double), plus that gorgeous island bed, make this a great family caravan with plenty of space.

Pale browns, fawns and creams with an interesting dark peach feature create an inviting lounge with warm tones. And the carpet is a dark enough shade of brown to be practical. Shock absorbers are a new addition for 2009 and a stabiliser helps to ensure a smoother tow.

The Charisma range is Swift's mid-price offering that gives you enough luxury without paying too high a price – you get a lot of caravan for your money, in size and spec.



Decide if a fixed bed is important to you because it inevitably takes up valuable daytime living space



Let there be light

Despite the narrowing of the caravan between the living and bedroom areas, it retains a bright and airy feel.

Power up

There are three mains sockets in the 2009 Charisma – have a look round and see if they're in the most convenient positions for you.

Cool colours

Comfy they definitely are, and stylish they're trying to be. Pale tones are lifted by dark peach with cushions to match.

Compliments to the chef

Cooking arrangements are three gas burners of varying sizes and, usefully, a mains hotplate – plus grill and oven.

A metre and more

There's a full metre and more of work surface to the right of the sink. Two sensible-sized kitchen cupboards – one with pull-out basket shelving – make this one of the best kitchens anywhere in caravans.



Good-looking lockers

Clean-line lockers with mock-steel edging, and spots nestle beneath. The rich wood dominates the bedroom.

Built-in wardrobes

Twin wardrobes sit on either side of the bed, each with a drawer and show cupboard beneath.

Island bed

There'll be no clambering over one another to get out of bed, and no fighting with the sheets – an island bed is pure luxury.

On the shelf

Small recesses just large enough for a coffee mug are on each side of the bed.

The cat approves

If it's comfy enough for Jasper, that's good enough for us. And in the late afternoon sunshine, light floods into the bedroom through the side windows.



A mug of tea and a game of Scrabble – we really know how to live



Useful hooks and a large mirror sit opposite the kitchen

It's not the most spacious washroom but the square shower is plenty large enough



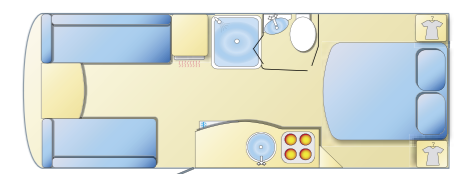
Cabinet is large enough for a sizeable TV and more



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Price	£14,631
Berths	4
Size	6.27m(l) 2.29m(w) 2.70m(h)
Weight (MPLM)	1680kg
Equipment	Microwave oven, dual fuel hob with three gas burners and one 800watt mains hotplate, 1.95m headroom, shock absorbers, AKS stabiliser hitch
We like	More headroom than most; practical dark-shade carpet
We don't like	Cheap-looking grey plastic bedside shelves
Verdict	Enough luxury to enjoy without paying too high a price
Info	www.swiftcaravans.co.uk



We used...

Rose Decor single bedspread £39.99; Chrysanthemum Jacquard cushion cover £3.99; Egyptian cotton terracotta hand towel £3.29; Egyptian cotton terracotta face cloth 89p; New York cushion £7.99, all Dunelm Mill.