



Coachman Laser 665 XTRA

Rob Ganley went to the Motorhome & Caravan Show in Birmingham and took a look inside this four-berth twin-axle caravan from Coachman's latest Laser

For 2024, Coachman's Laser range consists of three models, but the one that caught my eye at the Motorhome & Caravan Show in Birmingham's NEC in October was the biggest caravan in the line-up – the 665 XTRA. I'd previously seen this at the Great Holiday Home Show in Harrogate and was glad of the chance to get a closer look.

This twin-axle caravan is a luxurious four-berth, featuring a central washroom and the ever-popular fixed single beds layout. The XTRA in its name means it's a full 2.44m wide.

Outside, looking in

Coachman makes some of the best-looking caravans on the market today, and the Laser is no exception to this – thanks to

the silver sidewalls and sleek alloy wheels.

Twin axles are generally more stable on the road, but Coachman has nevertheless fitted the 665 with AL-KO's Trailer Control system for even

greater peace of mind when towing. External features include 230V electric socket and gas barbecue points, and a cold shower.

Unusually for a touring caravan, the Laser features an

onboard water tank, with a decent 40-litre capacity.

That is good news if you're a fan of service pitches and water to the caravan on tap. Also, if you plan to tour throughout the year, an onboard tank means there's no need to clad your freshwater container, pipe and connector to stop your water supply freezing.

There are external lockers to the front and rear nearside beds, which offer decent storage space. Plus it's easy to get at all your camping gear on site from within the comfort of your awning.

◀ The kitchen is small but mighty thanks to a space-efficient L-shape and clever features



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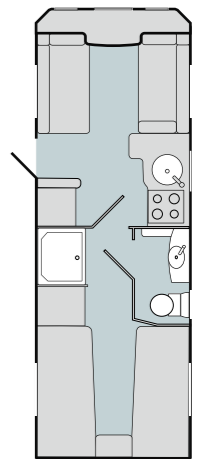
Berths Four

Length x width x height
7.9m x 2.44m x 2.68m

Maximum Technically
Permissible Laden Mass
1,898kg

User payload 160kg

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◀ Clockwise from top: The Laser offers two comfortable couches; a dedicated shower cubicle is on the nearside; the washroom has luxurious features; fixed single beds sit at the rear



Living la vida Laser

Step aboard, and the front lounge features a pair of facing sofas and a central chest. The sunroof and roof light in this front half of the caravan let in lots of natural light. Each of the spotlights features a USB charging point, with more USB charging points next to the entry door.

The shelf at the front of the caravan is deep, so great for knick-knacks when you're set up on site, plus there's a wireless delete charging point here and electric socket.

There's a folding table stashed by the entry door to press into action at mealtimes.

I particularly liked the new top cupboards with soft-close fastenings, adding to the feel of luxury in the caravan.

A well-equipped kitchen space

The L-shaped kitchen has all the kit you need, with new features and a premium finish. It includes a 159-litre Thetford fridge freezer, hob with three gas burners and electric hotplate, separate grill and oven, and the sink gets a new flexi tap.

There's also a microwave – of the kind without a turntable – plus a chunky flap that significantly extends the worktop, providing a kitchen area that would be well-equipped for a family and above and beyond for a couple.

Scrubbing up nicely

The central washroom is partitioned from both the front and rear quarters by

sturdy doors. The shower is roomy, and there's an opaque window with blind for privacy. Practicality is good, with a folding hanging hook for towel or clothing, and good storage space beneath the stylish vanity unit. The bowl sink and LED lights add to the boutique feel of the bathroom. The caravan gets Alde wet, domestic-style central heating throughout, and the washroom comes with a heated towel rail and chrome finish fittings.

Sleep soundly

While the front sofas can make up into a double bed, the rear single beds are fixed. They are large and wide – 1.93m x 0.87m – generous proportions that should suit

most buyers. Reading lights for each bed and good deep drawers in between the two make it user-friendly, while the roomy beds and padded headboards make it a comfy place to sleep for the night. There's a good-sized wardrobe and, impressively, overhead lockers all around in the rear bedroom, meaning there should be ample storage space here, particularly if you're holidaying as a couple.

Verdict

Priced from a little over £42,000, this is a luxuriously appointed and well-specified caravan in Coachman's 2024 line-up, which will be ideal for a couple with a large 4x4 who like to tour in comfort. **9.5**