

# Lunar Delta TI

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**AT A GLANCE:** Just how much of a luxury feel can you cram into a caravan? Start with the leather settees and you can imagine the rest...

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**LET'S** start in the area in which you spend most of your caravanning time. What's your taste in home lounge furniture? Cream leather settees, perhaps? Bolster cushions attached to the backrests so that your shoulders are supported perfectly? Oodles of scatter cushions to prop you and make you feel cosy? No chance of missing out on home comforts if your next caravan choice is a Lunar Delta TI with leather option...

You like a large fridge at home so that intervals between shopping trips can be maximised? That's here in the Delta TI, too. And at home you have an en-suite shower-bedroom arrangement? The Delta TI gives you that, too.

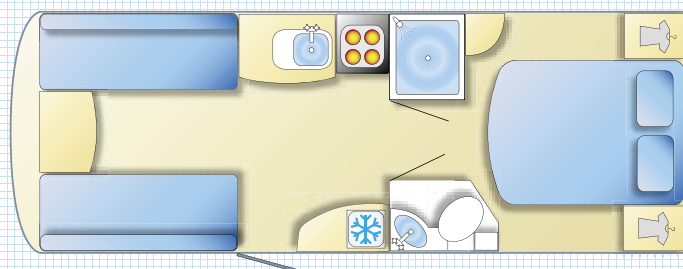
This is a true home-from-home on wheels – all four of them, so you have that valuable twin-axle stability, too. And Lunar now gives you the ATC stability control system that detects yawing tendencies and applies the caravan brakes to correct them before they can develop into a problem.

Deltas are expensive caravans – but you get a lot for your money. In-board water tank, alarm, AL-KO Secure Wheel Locks, a mains hotplate with the three gas burners, Omnivent extractor fan, Alde central heating, Phantom tracker with a year's subscription, heated towel rail...

There are superb touches that are less important but enhance the total package that cocoons you in luxury. In the bedroom is

## ► LAYOUT IN A NUTSHELL

- Island bed
- Shower opposite loo/washbasin room forward of the bedroom
- Offside kitchen
- Short-settee lounge



a cabinet door with an intriguing mirror that swivels (more on that later).

Back to the stunning leather that would cost you around £1000 more than the fabric alternative. Bolsters at each end, head bolsters at the sides... You also get four scatter cushions and two small bolsters in fabric shades of duck egg blue and fawn with golden threads outlining the broad stripes. The same material upholsters the bed head. Cabinetry in a chestnut shade gets framed lockers, all with a prominent grain, adding to the quality look.

Alde heating gives you the layout advantage because there's no heater unit to accommodate in the layout. In this layout that advantage is in the kitchen, where you have a massive trio of cupboards (and also the table store hatch). The centre cupboard

contains an adequate cutlery drawer plus three deep, wide shelves. The outer two cupboards are narrower. The left hand one has three shelf areas. The right hand cupboard has a top shelf and three pull-out baskets. In total, impressively ample kitchen accommodation.

And opposite, alongside that wonderful 180-litre fridge with separate freezer, is another (two shelf) cupboard beneath the TV-connection equipment surface. Above this is a small drinks cabinet with clips for three glasses (why not four; it's a four-berth caravan?) and two bottles.

The kitchen surface is only just adequate, at about 30cm wide, but you do have the Chinchilla glass top to the (superb black) sink and fixed drainer to help.



*Good cupboard space in the kitchen but surface space is limited*

The microwave, above the freezer, is a Daewoo model with cooking time facility – you choose from its menu of meat, poultry, fish, for auto-defrost function and it works out the time for you. Then chose fresh or frozen vegetables, jacket potatoes or soup and it will work out the cooking times. It's a nice touch that adds to the luxury level of this caravan – but you have to be a microwave-orientated cook to appreciate it. Me? I'm far more a fan of that electric hotplate and three good-sized burners plus the gas oven.

Blinds are grey concertina style, utterly luxurious in look and a million times better than plastic blinds.

Island bed layouts have big advantages. Perhaps the main one is that each person has their own wardrobe plus drawer plus shoe cupboard, although in this model that bottom cupboard is compromised by the Alde heating duct which runs each side of the bedroom. That's a small price to pay for Alde programmable 24-hour warmth!

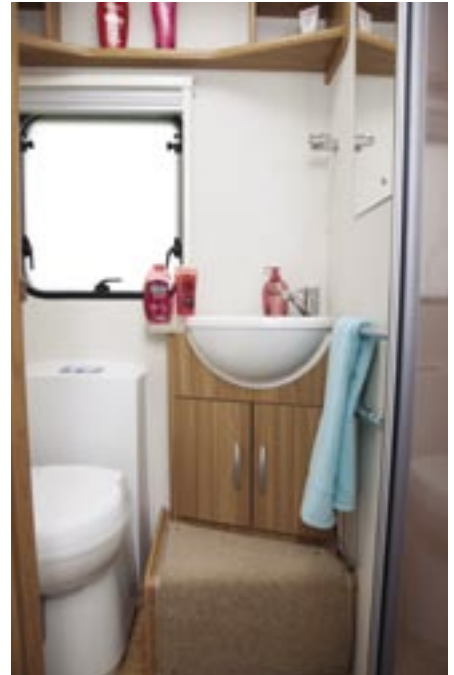
The TI's unique feature is its dressing table. Two large corner shelves are beneath the granite-effect top and there is a mirror that swivels, on substantial hinges so that you can sit on the bed to groom. There's a socket for your hairdryer. There are also TV connection points here; watching TV in bed

may be a minor caravanning factor but it's here all the same if you want it.

This caravan has three TV positions, the third one being on the centre front locker. But none of them gives you a double socket, which you'll need if you're also plugging in a freeview box.

Just forward of the bedroom are the washbasin and loo on the nearside (with Alde heating towel rail). A five-shelf unit gives you plenty of places for the cosmetics when you're on a site and the cupboard under the sink is there to contain them on tow. This little room is a tight squeeze, because its rear wall is angled to provide corridor space around the bed. Close the solid wooden door and you have a cohesive en-suite area. But there's something not perfect about the door arrangement here. The plastic shower door opens over the main room door, making it impossible to open the room door if the shower door is open. It would be better if the shower door opened inwards. And what's a cold-look striplight doing in the shower of a luxury caravan? Spotlights, please – they have style and warm-light ambiance! The two lights in the washroom are circular spotlight-style LEDs – now that's in-keeping with the TI's level of style!

I sink back into that leather-upholstered lounge to write more of these notes for you



*Heated towel rail - a bonus of the Alde system*



*An utterly gorgeous bedroom*

and your guided tour turns to storage.

I look back down the caravan towards the greatest storage opportunity you have here – indeed the greatest in caravans and note that this double bed is several centimetres higher than those in other models, so your storage compartment is deeper. And there's more. Inside, there is only one strut across the bed, so access to the contents is easy; you can put large objects in here such as lightweight folding chairs. But in our test example the two gas-filled struts were not of sufficient strength to support the bed, so someone has to hold it up while someone else loads and unloads – which isn't too much of a problem. Front-end under-bed storage is easily accessed; there are two handles to each of the drop-down apertures.

Minor niggles apart (and we are, after all, guilty of looking for perfection!) the Delta TI is a fabulously luxurious caravan, generous on the spec and style – and thus value for its £20,000-price-tag. ■

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*Cone-shaped spotlights with glass and metal shades - very pretty*



*Alde heating - programmable 24-7 - gives home-from-home luxury*



*Blue-lit volts and water gauge looks cool as well as being easily readable*



*Neck-height bolsters provide added comfort in the lounge*

**► FOR & AGAINST**

**PROS:**

- Luxury all the way
- Full-size fridge-freezer
- ATC
- Twin-axle stability

**CONS:**

- Short-settee lounge that doesn't make single beds

**► SPECIFICATION**

- Axles:** 2
- Berths:** 4
- MRO:** 1420kg
- MTPLM:** 1690kg
- Overall length:** 7.93m
- Width:** 2.28m
- Headroom:** 1.9m



*Pale surfaces match the upholstery and help to create a light, bright environment*

**► OUR VERDICT**

Caravan layouts, specification and ambiance don't come much more luxurious than this. Put a Delta TI on your shortlist if you seek an island bed, plenty of kitchen cupboards, a big fridge-freezer and are prepared to adhere to the discipline of doing your food prep with the sink-drainer top folded down. Choose the leather option for ultimate home-from-home comfort and looks. Quite superb.