

U-shaped lounge is ideal for four. Chest unit is an option



Bailey Pegasus II Verona

Three sites over seven days, Bailey's latest gets put through its paces

PRICE £16,335 (plus £545 delivery) **BERTHS** 2+2 **MIRO** 1322kg **MTPLM** 1490kg
BODY LENGTH 5.68m **SHIPPING LENGTH** 7.25m **BODY WIDTH** 2.28m
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EXTERIOR

By design, the Verona is a long caravan to be travelling on a single axle. It's reassuring then, that it tows like a dream. It was easy to achieve an optimum noseweight as the bed area, boasting a sizeable loading hatch, is just behind the axle, keeping the heavy stuff right where it needs to be.

Appliances are also mounted in the perfect place for stability.

Pegasus is one of the few caravans in this price bracket to receive ATC stability and shock absorbers as standard; a great boon. In addition you'll also find an AKS hitch, barbecue point, and exterior socket. A segmented front locker helps keep life organised, and on this particular model you can store awkward items such as the Aquaroll handle beneath the bed.



The Verona is a dream to tow

INTERIOR



Compact but well-planned washroom has lots of storage space

Pegasus has changed since its original inception. Its interior is a little less radical than before, having been toned down and warmed up. Styling notes from the phenomenally successful range-topping Unicorn have been duplicated, from the delightfully designed cabinetry to the warm and cosy soft furnishings. Gone are a few features such as the innovative variable lounge and inclusive television, but I for one would rather pay less for my caravan than be forced to buy a telly that I would never watch.

Having enjoyed their jaunt to Switzerland in the first Pegasus incarnation, my family was champing at the bit to see this updated version. And they absolutely loved it. My brother even shuffled off his wheelchair and managed to pull himself in through the door and up onto the sofa so he could enjoy the Verona's ambience. For my family's needs, it's a definite boon that a front chest remains on the options list.

Living in the Verona is easy. It does everything so very, very well. Lighting is terrific, and

IDEAL FOR

A couple that uses their van mainly in fairer weather but including some winter use



Super galley, but the cutlery drawer in the cupboard is annoying



Matching bed linen is a £200 cost option

having spent four days without a hook-up I was glad of the LED lighting.

What's not to like? That's a toughie. The only equipment failure we experienced was the solitary 12V socket, which blew the fuse every time we tried to use it. Not good when you don't have a hook-up. And if I'm being honest, I found the bed mattress to be unforgivingly hard despite my preference of a firm support.

The sound system could do with a bit more thought too. The speakers vibrated with the bass,

and despite an aux in for the iPod, there's no facility to charge your player as you listen. A dealer could fit a 12V socket here if required. Finally, possibly the smallest yet the most tiresome niggle, was the fact that every time I wanted to access the cutlery drawer, I had to open the kitchen cupboard. A separate drawer front would make life so much easier. The fact that living is so easy in the rest of the Verona makes such a small niggle seem far more important than it would otherwise be.

We like

Superb combination of value and comfort, ATC and shock absorbers, wonderful washroom, great kitchen, brilliant LED lighting

We dislike

No separate cutlery drawer, 12V socket failure, stereo and speaker installation could be improved for the better

A massive thank-you to 'Auntie' Sue, Mike, Meesh, and Tony, the wonderfully helpful wardens at the Caravan Club's super Bearsted site.

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Verdict

EXTERIOR 9/10

One of the best-specified caravans in this price bracket on the market

LOUNGING 8/10

An appealing U-shaped lounge is only comfortable for a maximum of four people to sit at

DINING 6/10

Score-boosting front chest is a cost-option. Table is barely large enough for four which can be tricky come dinner time in the van

SLEEPING 7/10

Very firm mattress on the bed, so consider a topper. A double is the only option at the front

KITCHEN 8/10

Brilliant kitchen, fantastic lighting, and good storage except for large items. Cutlery drawer in cupboard

STORAGE 8/10

More than enough storage for two people, although hanging space in the wardrobe is severely limited

WASHROOM 9/10

Extremely well-designed with great storage. The only downside is no mirror over basin for us messy shavers

BUILD QUALITY 8/10

Very well put-together with no flaws other than the wiring fault to the 12V socket and questionable water pipe mountings we found

PRACTICALITY 9/10

The Truma blown-air heater and LED lighting make this a great option for those who regularly caravan without mains hook-ups

VALUE FOR MONEY 9/10

Internal water tank, ATC... Terrific value for the level of spec that this tourer has to offer caravanners

Caravan OUR RATING

81/100