

# OUR HOME

## ELDDIS CRUSADER TORNADO £19,299

### What we liked

- ➔ Fixed bed was perfect – great mattress
- ➔ Microwave was an added bonus for late night hot chocolates
- ➔ The alarm gave peace of mind and also activated the exterior light
- ➔ Leather interior gave the feeling of extreme luxury
- ➔ The large rear washroom gave everyone a lot more space and privacy

### What we didn't like

- ➔ Nowhere to put our shoes in the wet weather
- ➔ Heating system control took time to master
- ➔ Room divider blind kept coming off the rail
- ➔ Lack of food preparation workspace

### Elddis Crusader Tomado

<b>Price</b>	£19,299
<b>Axles</b>	1
<b>Berth</b>	4
<b>MRO</b>	1445kg
<b>MTPLM</b>	1700kg
<b>Width</b>	2.15m
<b>Length</b>	5.59m
<b>Overall length</b>	7.31m
<b>Headroom</b>	1.90m



Time to test out the cooking facilities

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The Crusader Tornado has quite an individual look with unmistakable styling both inside and externally, and features a class-leading washroom, a fixed double bed and a good-sized front dining-lounge area. This four-berth layout is great for a family or equally perfect for a couple.

The upholstery in the Tornado is pleasing, too, in the sumptuous Mocha Madras leather option and is fully sprung, with curved bolster cushions. The removable carpet looks quite luxurious over the dark bamboo-effect heavy duty vinyl flooring, giving you the flexibility to take up the carpet or leave it down; either way, the flooring looks great.

Heating is the Alde system; warm air from the hot-water-based unit rises from the seat backrest boards. Compared with the Truma blown air system, Alde always gains you cabinet space because all the heating system is hidden away within furniture.

The fixed bed is a real delight with the deep memory foam mattress which actually rivalled our own bed at home. Its gas-filled struts make accessing the huge storage space underneath effortless. The fixed bed has scatter cushions and bolsters as standard, giving a real feeling of a home-from-home.

The kitchen is well equipped with the domestic style Spinflo Midi Prima oven which, with two shelves, makes a practical unit for family cooking, along with the new dual fuel hob (an 800W electric hot plate with three gas burners). This has a smoked glass cover which doubles as additional work space. The 700W microwave with stainless steel finish is also a welcome addition as well as the external gas barbecue point.

We found the large rear washroom a blessing with the children in tow, giving us privacy to get ready in the mornings. The new bathroom sink and worktop-mounted chrome tap gives greater sink volume and the 'Rimini' large shower cubicle is fantastic



The lounge-dining area – there's just enough space for all five of us to dine here



The fixed bed – lovely comfortable mattress that rivals our bed at home

when you don't want to venture out in the rain to the site's shower building.

Lighting-wise, the Tornado has the latest in LED lighting, which includes directional reading lamps with LED roof lights and ambient down lighting. The sound system is also well specced with a Pioneer CD radio tuner, and you can connect your iPod too so you can have your entire music collection on board. The unit also accepts DVDs and the Elddis comes with satellite and solar connectivity as standard. The PIR and tilt-sensor alarm system worked really well and we were very impressed that the exterior light was activated when the alarm was set.

