

Elddis Odyssey 524

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AT A GLANCE: Side-dining area versatility, end-washroom luxury - and a lounge long enough to make single beds

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ANY model that gives you the luxury of a full-width end washroom and an offside dining area earns its keep on the shortlist of both couples and families. When that layout comes in little over 1500kg all-up and under £16,000, it's sure to turn heads.

The layout's appeal is in its versatility in meeting several different needs. If you're a couple seeking a full-time dining area, this layout will suit you. If you're a family of four, with two young children, it will suit you, too. That's because the offside dining area, with pull-up bunk, makes an excellent bed area for small-stature family members. (It isn't quite long enough for adults).

Elddis crams a lot into this short length (the body only measures 5.34 metres) and manages to keep the MRO to 1339kg.

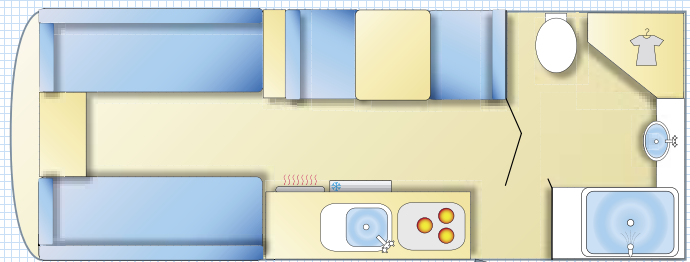
And the designers have given you something really luxurious – an amazingly spacious full-width washroom.

Step inside and prepare to be impressed by a rectangular shower that's at least the size of the one you probably have at home. The washbasin, set into a gleaming dark grey surface, sits on top of a useful-sized cupboard in the centre. Across the corner is a huge wardrobe with three large drawers. Clothing accommodation doesn't come much better than this, especially as, having the wardrobe inside the washroom means that this is a true dressing room.

Next stop: the kitchen. Surely the hub of family holiday lifestyle; even if you tend to eat out and barbecue, every caravanning

▶ LAYOUT IN A NUTSHELL

- ▶ Offside dining area
- ▶ Full-width rear washroom
- ▶ Two singles or a double at the front



family or couple needs to be sure the kitchen matches their needs. The 524 delivers amply at surface level; there is a good half metre of worktop. Cupboard space, though, doesn't match the surface. Put simply, there are no kitchen cupboards. You do get two large drawers, though. But, apart from the fridge, food storage would be a challenge. Enter a couple of plastic storage boxes that would fit under the side dining area seats, perhaps...

There is one area, though, where no compromise is needed, it's at floor level. Elddis has chosen a carpet the colour of the darkest imaginable chocolate. No need for a shoes-off rule in order to preserve this carpet. It looks great, too...

Storage (kitchen apart) comes well up to standard for four people. Seven head lockers, plus one (fitted) above the kitchen and two more (smaller) over the front, give you ample places to stow stuff. ■



The side dining area - or young persons' bedroom



A robust washroom door handle - well-made, like the rest of the 524



The corner mains-powered lights are plain, gently curved and stylish



Four spotlights surround the front roof light - ample light and style, too



Great, bold stripes - and a touch of traditional pattern in the cushions

► FOR & AGAINST

- PROS:**
- Spacious washroom
 - Lounge long enough to make single beds
- CONS:**
- Lacks storage space in the kitchen

► SPECIFICATION

- Axles:** 1
- Berths:** 4
- MRO:** 1339kg
- MTPLM:** 1540kg
- Overall length:** 7.06
- Width:** 2.29m
- Headroom:** 1.91m



There's a useful amount of work surface to the right of the sink

► OUR VERDICT

Luxury touches and comfort mingle with practicality (notably the dark carpet colour, large towel rail and extractor fan). Kitchen storage is lacking but layout versatility excels. The washroom's terrific and the décor superbly modern and homely at the same time. The 524 is a lot of things to a lot of caravanners. Whether it's the caravan for you depends on whether you are prepared to compromise on where you store stuff you'd put in a kitchen cupboard if there were one.