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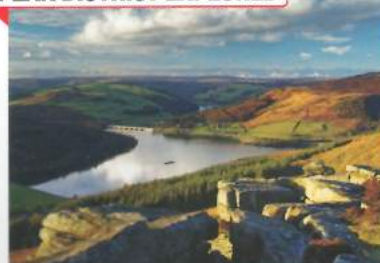


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# PRE-LOVED CARAVANS

We discovered a good choice of lightweight tourers among the used caravan selection at the Marquis group's newest branch, near Guildford in Surrey

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➤➤ This caravan sales venue became part of the Marquis chain of 12 retailers in September last year; it was formerly Michael Jordan Caravans.

The seven-acre site, with easy access from the A25 and just nine miles from the M25, sells new Coachman and Lunar ranges plus Marquis's own French-built Caravelair Antarès range.

Marquis Surrey has a coffee shop offering sandwiches, snacks, all-day breakfasts and lunches; We can heartily recommend the baked potatoes with cheese and beans!

Caravelairs are on display in the indoor showroom, together with a good selection of awnings and a comprehensive stock of accessories.

Workshop expansion is now taking place as Marquis gradually makes its mark on its latest branch acquisition.

## Caravelair Antarès 406

**1** The 406 is one of the most ingenious layouts around; a four-berth caravan that's a mere 4m long and weighs only 1150kg. Those are some of the reasons why this model won *Caravan* magazine's award for Best Lightweight Family Caravan. Here in Surrey we were astonished to discover a 2018 406 among the used selection – at £1500 less than the new price of £15,495.

This tourer has a U-shaped lounge, a dining area for two (that makes into bunks) and a neat shower-toilet room at the rear.

### Condition

A small amount of heat burnish around the base of the hotplate is the only evidence of use; otherwise, this pretty little tourer is totally as new.



### FACT FILE

- Price £13,995 ● Year 2018 ● Berths 4
- Length: Body 4.06m Overall 5.51m
- MIRO 927kg ● MTPLM 1150kg

### LAYOUT

Side dining area, U-lounge, combined toilet-washroom

## Xplore 304

**2** Buyers looking for ultra-lightweight, tiny tourers would be spoiled for choice here; the diminutive four-berth from Xplore is another fine example that shows a family can find a tourer to suit them if they're restricted on the weight and size of their caravan. It's similar in layout to the Antarès 406; the key difference being the lounge seating configuration, which is an L-shape in the 304. This caravan has the benefit of a microwave, an addition installed for the first owners.

### Condition

Were it not for the addition of the microwave, and an alarm system, we could have been forgiven for thinking this caravan is new; for comparison, a new Xplore 304 is £13,744.



### FACT FILE

- Price £10,495 ● Year 2015 ● Berths 4
- Length: Body 3.04m Overall 5.54m
- MIRO 886kg ● MTPLM 1043kg

### LAYOUT

L-lounge, side dining area, combined shower-toilet room

# FROM £8995 TO £18,995

## Sprite Quattro FB

**3** From tiny tourers for families, our next choice shows that families who need beds for six can also, typically, find money-saving opportunities here at Marquis Surrey.

The twin-axle Quattro FB has the luxury of a double bed, plus a side dining area that transforms into bunks. Like the Caravelair and the Xplore, this model has a shared toilet-shower compartment.

The kitchen has ample surface, so making meals for six would present no challenges.

### Condition

This is another sparkling example of a caravan that looks new. The oven, grill and hob show no signs of use; we assume all cooking during this caravan's previous ownership had been done on a barbecue!

If you fancy a new caravan but would rather not stretch to the FB's £18,890 price-tag, here is a caravan that demonstrates you can have your cake and eat it!



### FACT FILE

- Price £15,495 ● Year 2016 ● Berths 6
- Length: Body 6.27m Overall 7.92m
- MIRO 1353kg ● MTPLM 1578kg

### LAYOUT

Double bed, side dining area, corner toilet-shower

## Lunar Quasar 524



**4** Another model with a side dining area but this time a very different offering; one that appeals to couples looking for a permanent dining area as well as to families with young children. It's worth noting that, because Marquis Surrey stocks the new Lunar ranges, this is a good place to come in search of used Lunars, resulting from part-exchanges.

The 524's special appeal is the generous size of its shower room, with two wardrobes!

### Condition

Immaculate and shiny everywhere; a great chance to buy a 525 at £6204 less than the £19,199 price of a new one.



### FACT FILE

- Price £12,995 ● Year 2014 ● Berths 4
- Length: Body 5.19m Overall 6.78m
- MIRO 1151kg ● MTPLM 1310kg

### LAYOUT

Rear shower room, side dining area

## Coachman Pastiche 560/4



**5** The luxury of a double bed, rear shower room layout and a stunning rich brown and pale cream fabric scheme that ranks as among the most attractive in caravans of the past few years – what more could a couple want?

### Condition

We reckon this caravan has never been used; the plastic cover is still on the bed and the mains cable and pump are in the original box under the bed. This layout is no longer in the Pastiche range; the nearest comparable one is the transverse-bed 575, which is £22,955 and, actually, many buyers might prefer the side-bed layout of the 560 because the bed area is very well separated from the front end; it's almost a two-room caravan.



### FACT FILE

- Price £18,995 ● Year 2015 ● Berths 4
- Length: Body 6.65m Overall 7.28m
- MIRO 1401kg ● MTPLM 1555kg

### LAYOUT

Side double bed, rear shower room

## Bailey Orion 450/5



**6** The Orion range achieved three significant things: light weight, stunning, cool, curved bodylines and ingenious layouts. The 450's rear L-shaped seating area gives children a spacious dining/play area. The triple bunk arrangement makes this model an ideal choice if you have a baby; the bottom bunk is at floor level so there's no falling-out-of-bed risk. We're always pleased when we see a used Orion for sale, because they're no longer made, yet their cool lines and young-family layouts have a special appeal and strong character.

### Condition

Minimal signs of use in the combined oven-grill and on the three-burner hob indicate this caravan has had very careful owners. It's in great condition for its year. We love it!



### FACT FILE

- Price £10,495 ● Year 2012 ● Berths 5
- Length: Body 5.2m Overall 6.38m
- MIRO 1130kg ● MTPLM 1287kg

### LAYOUT

Triple bunk stack, L-shaped rear seating area

## Elddis Affinity 482



**7** Alde-heated luxury for £12,995 isn't easy to find, which is why we picked this splendid tourer for two. We love its capacious dresser, its microwave at a height suitable for people of short stature and its ample work surface. The 482's shower room is a star, too; large and containing a big wardrobe. Storage space in this model is exemplary. Spec is high, including an extractor fan, an alarm system and an automatic stability control system that corrects the first sign of snaking.

### Condition

Slight scuff marks in the base of the sink and a little heat burnish around the base of the hotplate are the only signs of use. This caravan has strong appeal – especially when you consider that the nearest current equivalent two-berth Affinity costs £20,894.



### FACT FILE

- Price £12,995 ● Year 2015 ● Berths 2
- Length: Body 4.8m Overall 6.5m
- MIRO 1183kg ● MTPLM 1310kg

### LAYOUT

Rear shower room, offside kitchen

## Bailey Senator Arizona



**8** Like the Lunar Quasar 524 we picked earlier in our day at Marquis Surrey, the Arizona has a side dining area and rear shower room – but this one is £4000 cheaper, so demonstrates that you can get a very appealing caravan for well under £10,000. The versatile side dining area layout appeals to both couples and families and the amount of kitchen surface area makes this a caravan that's ideal for keen cooks. The Arizona's other outstanding feature is that it has an exceptionally large shower.

### Condition

For nine years old, this caravan is in remarkable condition. Only heat burnish on the pan trivet and above the burners in the oven evidences use. Our final choice of the day proves that, typically, there is something for all budgets at Marquis Surrey.



### FACT FILE

- Price £8995 ● Year 2009 ● Berths 4
- Length: Body 5.6m Overall 7.19m
- MIRO 1264kg ● MTPLM 1500kg

### LAYOUT

Offside dining area, rear shower room