

Auto-Sleeper Corinium FB

For the ultimate in coachbuilt luxury, you can't go far wrong with the Corinium range from Auto-Sleeper. **Nick Harding** steps inside to wallow in the quality

A touch of luxury from Auto-Sleeper? Look no further than its Corinium coachbuilt trio. The FB variant reviewed here has a French bed and, across the back, a full washroom.

Despite its ability to sleep four, this is surely aimed at couples who want lots of indulgence, and plenty of space to enjoy it all in.

At almost 8m long, this is one of the biggest models ever made by Auto-Sleepers. The base vehicle is Peugeot's Boxer, with high-level Al-Ko chassis extension, promising a more forgiving ride compared to using all-Peugeot running gear.

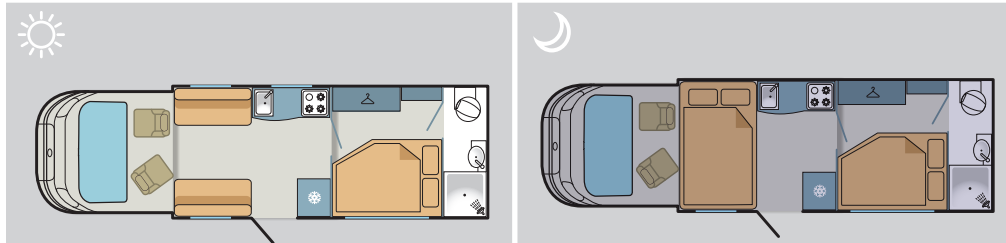
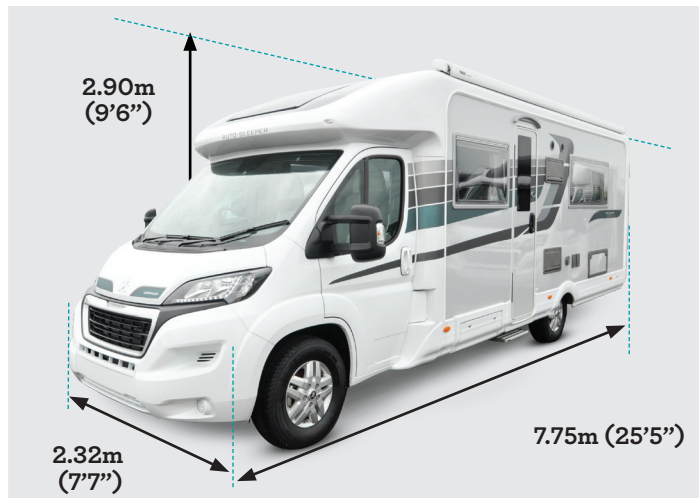
Six-speed manual transmission is still the only gearbox offering, but if you want auto, Auto-Sleepers can switch to Fiat's Ducato.

Whichever way you go with the base vehicle, one thing's for sure: you're not going to order a Corinium without the nominally optional £2500 Premium Pack. Its extra high-order kit makes this an essential.

Sure enough, it's on this example, courtesy of West Country Motorhomes, as are the Winter and Media packs, also a likely addition.

The FB has twin sofas aft of the cab, which, combined with the swivelled cab seats and the freestanding table (from its own locker), makes

- **Price** From £68,205 (inc Premium Pack)
- **Sleeps** 4 ➤ **Belts** 2
- **Base vehicle** Peugeot Boxer/Al-Ko
- **Engine** 2.0 160bhp Euro 6
- **Length/width/height** 7.75/2.32/2.90m (25'5"/7'7"/9'6")
- **MTPLM** 3500kg
- **Payload** 293kg
- **Water** (fresh/waste) 91/71 litres
- **Leisure battery** 105Ah
- **Gas** 25-litre tank



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for the roomy daytime space many motorhomes can only dream about. Also key here is the ease of setting up.

The brown soft furnishings complement the medium/dark furniture finish, but there are alternatives.

The kitchen is mid-'van, with the main unit along the offside housing a Thetford cooker (three gas rings, plus hotplate, separate oven and grill) to the right and the stainless steel sink far left. This leaves permanent

worktop between the two, although the add-on drainer swallows some of this. The slide-out worktop is great, but might leave some folk feeling hemmed in.

Across the galley is a huge, 190-litre Dometic fridge/freezer with Russell Hobbs microwave above.

Open the door beyond the kitchen and - noting the flat floor throughout - there's the fullest of bedrooms and a washroom extending right across the back.

The French bed extends along the nearside, but note that large padded headboard and low mattress level for easy access. There's also a window and a big rooflight.

There's storage, accessible by hinging up the bed frame or via an external hatch. In the bedroom itself, there's a double wardrobe and quartet of drawers along the offside wall, plus a vanity area just outside the washroom.

A further door provides access to the washroom.



1 Buyers will love the Corinium lounge space, especially the expanse of legroom between the long parallel sofas

2 There's a door through to the bedroom beyond the kitchen

3 French bed (with full-width washroom beyond) defines the Corinium FB



It's decidedly roomy, despite some intrusion by the setting of the basin. It's a generous shower cubicle, too, in the far corner.

A clear window beyond the Dometic ceramic-bowl toilet is a boon, and storage includes a tambour-door locker under the basin. Plus, you get a toothbrush and mug holder, soap tray, wire baskets and a towel loop.

Generous is also the word to describe the overall spec. I'll point you towards the 25-litre gas tank, solar panel, fittings to add a bike rack, durable sofa foam, DAB radio/MP3 with sat nav, alloy wheels, Thule awning, reversing camera with colour monitor, Truma Combi 6 heating and hot-water system with iNet connection, rear corner

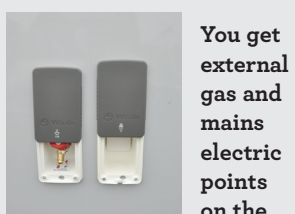
steadies and mud flaps, Hartal habitation door with window, and much more. Admittedly, some of this comes via the Premium Pack. A few downsides? Keeping maximum weight to a licence-friendly 3500kg means payload isn't that generous (there's a 4000kg upgrade, if you want it). Drivers need to be wary, too, of the considerable overhang.

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Okay, so it's not exactly cheap; but it is certainly a little bit exclusive, even by Auto-Sleeper standards. It's not just equipped to sky-high levels (especially if you order with the optional Packs) but, critically, there's still plenty of actual living space in this Corinium. ★★★★★



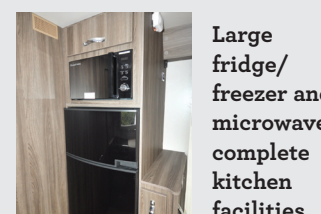
Filling and drainage points offside, away from awning



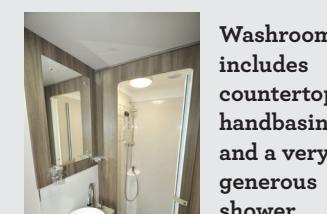
You get external gas and mains electric points on the nearside



Peugeot cab benefits from lots of upgrades (Premium pack)



Large fridge/freezer and microwave complete kitchen facilities



Washroom includes countertop handbasin and a very generous shower cubicle



Main kitchen benefits from slide-out worktop extension



Low-profile front with storage and sunroof is standard



Paddle lights on rails are a useful interior fitting