

The Kalahari's large footprint is too big for a normal Club pitch



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The extremely spacious interior



▲ Top: The front porch doesn't have a sewn-in groundsheet
Above: The bedroom fabric is darkened to aid sleep

Outdoor Revolution Kalahari PC 7.0

Size matters, some say. That's true of family tents at least, and the Kalahari PC 7.0 from Outdoor Revolution is arguably one of the biggest. **Stuart Kidman** had a closer look at it

With a length of 7.5m and an overall width, when you factor in the attached side pod, of 5.95m, the Kalahari PC 7.0 is just a little too large to fit on one of our normal Club pitches.

But if your party numbers anywhere from five to 11, you'll find each one of you is well catered for in this polycotton behemoth.

It's a seven-berth tent by all accounts, with the rear bedrooms set up in a 2-3-2 configuration. But add a couple more slumbering occupants in the side pod for nine, and set up an additional inner tent to house another two and you can make full use of the Kalahari's vast living space.

True, the extra inner would eat into the central day-time space, especially if you have such a large party, but since the front of the tent is almost 5m from the front of the main bedrooms, there's still plenty of room to stretch out in.

Being polycotton too, you can expect the tent to stand up well to poor weather and UV, and to be more comfortable with extremes of temperature.

I've recently seen this tent on display to the public fully furnished and even with seating and cupboards installed, it's very open inside. The award-winning poled side annexe is sewn-in and can be used as an extra entrance, or closed off to form a large wardrobe, toilet area, sleeping pod (with the optional two-berth inner) or anything else you might be able to think of. A hanging rail for your clothing is included.

What also caught my imagination with this tent is its compatibility with Outdoor Revolution's LumiLink lighting system, which uses LED strip lighting and up/down lighters attached to the air tubes to create a cool ambience on site.


There are five inflation points, so the tent can be set up fairly straightforwardly by

one person, but the overall weight of the fabric and tubes is a whopping 64kg so it's highly recommended you enlist some help to get the Kalahari pitched properly.

The main living space is split into two sections, with a two-thirds zippable divider separating them. This is also fitted with mesh, so it will allow a breeze through to the main area if needed.

Another entrance sits opposite the side annexe, and is covered by a small canopy, held in place by a pole, so overall access around the tent is exceptional. The fairly bland grey colourways may not appeal to everyone, but certainly seem to have been en vogue in recent years.

Low level ventilation sits along the sides of the living area while the Vortex ventilation system should keep a steady airflow in the bedrooms. Finally, the tinted windows and leaf-pattern window blinds add an air of quality from within.

The Kalahari is enormous, and as heavy as its size would suggest. It will appeal to large families, especially if staying in one place for a week or more. But just remember, if you're camping with the Club, make sure you can get a Jumbo Pitch for it. 

At a glance

Guide price

£1,800

Sleeps Seven

Dimensions

Outer 7.5m x 5.95m; inner 2.4m x 4.2m (divided in three)

Weight

64.4kg

Packed size

91cm x 72cm x 60cm

Maximum headheight 2.15m

Materials Outer polycotton; inner breathable polyester; groundsheet polyethylene; air tubes

For more information

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