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Itineo RC740 Traveller

This A-class motorhome with a caravan-like bedroom layout caught **Candy Evans'** eye recently. Find out why

It's not the biggest name in the UK, with just a handful of dealers currently, but Itineo is part of the French Rapido Group, which also includes more well-known names in this country such as Westfalia, Wildax and Roadtrek. At the Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show earlier this year I had the chance to see one of its 2020 models – the RC740 Traveller.

This is one of the newer breed of relatively low-cost A-class motorhomes that have been coming over from the Continent in recent years. As you might expect, at this price it's not fully adapted to driving on the right-hand-side of the road. You don't get a door for the driver, for example, and the entrance to the living area is on the 'wrong' side, but overall you'll get a very smart motorhome for your money.

And so to bed

The transverse island bed has been a feature in touring caravans for a while now, but this is the first motorhome I've seen with one. It can be pushed back during the day, raising the head of the bed, which allows you to lounge in comfort to watch the (optional) cinema-style projection screen on the opposite wall. Itineo says this wall is designed to take a large-screen TV here if you prefer.

No rear washroom

In a caravan of this style you'd normally find a washroom at the back, but this model has an enormous storage area instead.

From the outside there's a big garage, with access from both sides. On the driver's side there's a tall storage section that reaches from

the top to the bottom of the vehicle, leading to a more conventional height garage area reaching across to the other side.

Inside the bedroom, above the centre section of the garage, you find a substantial wardrobe with shelving on both sides of it. There's even some elasticated cord fitted across the shelves, to keep things in place when you're on the road.

Cleanliness is key

Moving forward from the luxurious bedroom, you come to the toilet cubicle, with an attractive but tiny circular basin.

Opposite, on the other side of the motorhome, is the shower with rather unusual patterned walls and a folding door.

Cooking for all

In the centre of the RC740 is a redesigned kitchen with a sleek back-lit acrylic strip on the wall, behind a sink and hob. Fortunately there's normally a pull-out bit of work surface because otherwise there's very little worktop if you're using more than one of the burners.

There are little extras here as well, such as a small shelf for spices and a rail to take kitchen towels.

Living space for four

In the living area there are two facing sofas around a table with a fold-out top, making it easy to get to the cab seats.

The side seats can change into forward-facing travelling ones if you need them, with the armrests becoming headrests. If you also want the

extra sleeping space, there's a double bed that drops down above the cab seats – you need to fold the cab seats down to get it into position.

A-class in front

This is an A-class motorhome so it doesn't have the van-like front of a coachbuilt. It looks purposeful and the enormous windscreen is so flat there's hardly any distortion when you look out. It almost feels as if there isn't a windscreen at all. And since the driver doesn't get a door, there's a

decent storage unit instead.

There are also some nice touches in this RC740 you might not expect in an entry level A-class, such as the stylish racking in the shower cubicle.

On the road

With a 140bhp Euro 6d engine up front and maximum mass of 3,500kg this Itineo can be driven with a B-class driving licence, though if you had a family of four on board the payload would be very limited.

There are also some tempting options to add weight, from an automatic gearbox to an

outside shower and from a motorcycle rack to that LED projector and multimedia set up for gadget lovers.

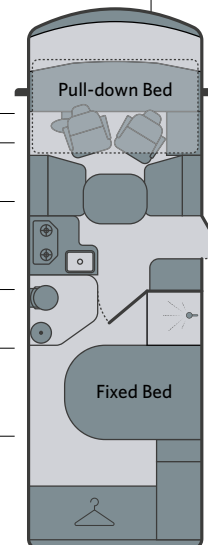
If your driving licence can take it, you'd probably want to choose the free optional upgrade to 3,650kg or even specify the 'heavy' chassis to get a maximum mass of 4,400kg.

Verdict

This smart A-class could be yours for a little over £60,000 in its basic form, though I'd guess you'd want to add a few of the many options if you were to buy one. **✂**

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Prices from £60,900
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Maximum Authorised Mass 3,500kg
User payload 401kg
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WE LOVE:
The luxurious bedroom at the back



◀ Clockwise from top left: There are two separate lids to the hob; the lounge features the in-fashion facing sofas; the compact toilet cubicle is in the centre of the motorhome; cinema-style viewing from the island bed