

SunnCamp Constellation 800

THE CONSTELLATION 800 is a big family tunnel tent that uses five glass fibre poles. Extra support is provided using two steel poles that run inside each side for the length of the tent.

The rear of the tent has a simple vent under a stiff-rim cowl. There are also plenty of guy lines to support the rear of the tent.

Given the position of the bedrooms, one sidewall is totally blank save for long vents and a canopy door. This large canopy has side panels to provide some protection when it is poled out as a porch. These can be unzipped, allowing you to fold the canopy out of the way. When open, a mesh door backs the canopy to keep out the bugs.

All other external doors have an inverted L-shape zip under a zip guard, and a single zip along its bottom edge. All are backed by mesh fly screens.

The other side has two large vinyl windows with top vents and internal curtains. An eyebrow

porch caps the door that separates the windows from each other. I like the fact that the pocket holding one end of the porch wand has a Velcro tab that allows it to be opened for easy pole location.

A small window sits each side of the front door. These have internal curtains.

Inside, there is a four-berth bedroom that can be split into two by a zip-close dividing curtain. A separate two-berth sits alongside and a column of hanging pockets hides the join. The third bedroom, that sits to one side, can be used for guests, storage or can be removed to enlarge the living room. A modesty panel backs all the mesh doors.

Camping says This tent is all about volume – it is designed to house larger families looking for space at a sharp price. And it fulfils that function. I would prefer to see steel poles on a tent this size – it makes pitching



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easier and provides strength – but at least the Constellation features those side supports. Such features are also about balance – the use of steel would create a hefty weight penalty to

an already heavy tent. I like the use of fluorescent trim around the pockets, zips, guys, cable ports – in fact, everywhere you need to see quickly. It really helps in the dark. **CG**

MORE INFO

Price £430

Packed size 100cm x 55cm x 40cm

Materials

Outer PU-coated polyester, 3,000mm hydrostatic head

Inner Breathable polyester

Groundsheet Polyethylene

Poles Fibreglass

Dimensions

Outer 760cm x 420cm

Inner 210cm x 260cm; 210cm x 130cm; and 240cm x 130cm

Height 220cm (inner 210 cm)

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35.9kg

Packed Weight

Pitching time

35

minutes

