

Family Values

Roma's bringing caravanning back to families



In recent years, it seems that caravanning has been the domain of couples – mainly those who no longer have the kids around and have decided to travel the country in style. However, a lot of us remember a time when it was mostly families who would load up the van and head off on an adventure. Come summertime, the caravan parks up and down the coast would be full to the brim with families

and their vans. But as family resorts and theme parks became more common and more popular, many families left caravanning to seek out a different kind of holiday.

This is where Roma Caravans steps in. If you're a regular reader, you'll remember Roma's freshly updated Sov'reign that we profiled a few issues back. Well, this is also a Roma Sov'reign, with a twist. This version of the Sov'reign is known as the Family

Bunk model. Available in double- or triple-bunk versions, Roma is bringing back the family caravan holiday.

While the idea of a traditional family caravan holiday may be a bit nostalgic, the Roma Sov'reign Family Bunk models bring most of the usual Sov'reign inclusions Roma's customers have come to love. So you'll get all the parts you missed and loved about those old family holidays with none you didn't.



Roma has used one-piece moulded fibreglass at the aerodynamic 'arrow' front as well as on the rear. Fibreglass is tougher than aluminium, so it offers good protection against the elements. The lack of joints prevents leaks, while at the same time providing superior insulation. What looks like a horizontal joint is actually a pattern in the mould.

The seven-leaf suspension set-up with roller/rocker linkages effectively distributes the weight of the van between the axles. This makes it more predictable and safer to tow. Electric brakes all round ensure plenty of stopping power.

Twin-spoke 14in Allied wheels are light while remaining strong. High-profile tyres assist in soaking up bumps and reducing the effects of less than ideal road surfaces.



EXTERNAL FEATURES

CHASSIS: Box section 4in x 2in DuraGal
SUSPENSION TYPE: Leaf axle
FRAME CONSTRUCTION: Timber
JOINT CONSTRUCTION: Timber frame
AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: Arrow front, sloping roof
OUTER SKIN: Aluminium sides, fibreglass front and back
POP-TOP/FULL-SIZE: Full size
WINDOWS: Wind-out – domed
INSULATION: Polystyrene in roof and walls
CORNER JACKS: Yes
WASTE WATER COMMON OUTLET: Yes
WATER TANKS: 2 x 90L
WATER TANK COVERS: Galvanised protection
COUPLING: AL-KO 3000kg
CLEARANCE: 2in raiser 20in
BRAKES: Electric
WHEELS: Alloy mags 14in
TYRES: 195x14
AWNING: Dometic A + E 16ft
BOOT COMPARTMENTS: Front boot and two side lockers
STONE GUARD: Underseal paint front base
GAS CYLINDERS: 2 x 9kg
HOT WATER: Suburban gas/electric 23L
POSITION: Front corner
BATTERY: 1 x 100A AGM
BATTERY CHARGER: Electro Auto 30A
SOLAR PANELS: Provision
ENTRANCE DOOR: Rear side
TAP ON 'A' FRAME: Yes
EXTERNAL POWER OUTLETS: Yes
EXTERNAL CAMP LIGHTS: Yes
UNDERBODY SEALANT: Bitumen
SECURITY OF WIRING: No
JOCKEY WHEEL: Centre 'A' frame
GENERATOR: Provision in compartment



The curved ply lockers continue along the wall above the sink up to the bunks at the rear giving the van an 'aeroplane cabin' feel. According to Roma Caravans co-owner Brendan Palmeri, the design is referred to as 'European Furniture', and is proving very popular with those wanting a modern interior.

In the rear of the 'Family Bunk' version of the Roma Sov'reign is what the name refers to. Available as twins or triples, the Sov'reign Family Bunk gives everyone a comfortable bed to rest on.

INTERNAL FEATURES

FRIDGE: Dometic 150L
SINK: Stainless steel
TV: Provision only
ANTENNA: Winegard
MUSIC: No
COOKING EQUIPMENT: Swift four-burner, grill and oven
MICROWAVE: 21L Sanyo
HEATING: Dometic air-conditioner
COOLING: Dometic air-conditioner
RANGEHOOD: Swift stainless steel
LIGHTING: Florescent and halogen
SMOKE ALARMS: Smoke detector
GAS LEAKAGE DETECTOR: No
CUPBOARD FINISHES: Ply
TYPE OF LATCHES: Nikpol button and catch
LOUNGE CONFIGURATION: Café style
SEATING CAPACITY: Four
UPHOLSTERY: Café loose cushions
SLEEPING CONFIGURATION: Queen bed to front, double or triple bunks to rear.
BERTHS: 4-5
BED: 1x Queen 6ft 2in x 6ft, 2-3x Single mattresses
MATTRESS: Queen - Innerspring, Singles - foam
UNDERBED STORAGE: Full
PRIVACY SCREENS: No



The bed with queen-size innerspring mattress is surrounded by plenty of storage space. Assisted by gas struts, the bed can be raised to reveal plenty of storage underneath.



At the end of each bunk you'll find these storage nooks. A great place for the kids to stuff their toys or sleeping gear when not in use.

There are also additional cupboards next to the bunks for even more storage. Just because the kids are coming too doesn't mean the mess has to as well!

The separate oven and four-burner stove makes cooking up a family dinner an absolute breeze.

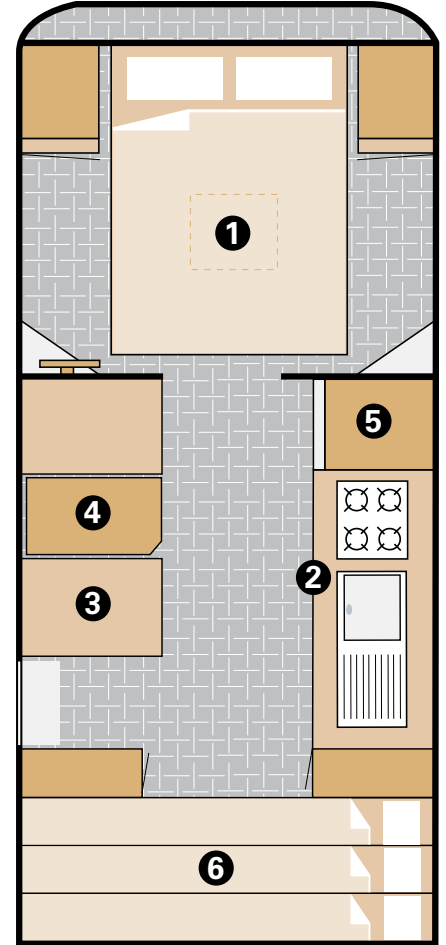
All of Roma's recently updated Sov'reign range come with Dometic's largest single-door fridge. So not only can the whole family come along, but you can feed them too!



Everybody gets a window in the Roma Sov'reign. Each bunk has its own window with the benefit being more natural light to brighten up the cabin. This allows you to rely less on electrical lighting and conserve battery power.

TECHNICAL SPECS

MAKE/MODEL: Roma Sov'reign Family Bunk
EXTERNAL LENGTH: 21ft body – 19ft 6in internal
EXTERNAL WIDTH: 7ft 8in
EXTERNAL HEIGHT: 9ft 3in with air-con roof
TARE WEIGHT (KG): 2050kg
BALL WEIGHT (KG): 200kg
RRP: From \$45,000 plus on-road costs



LAYOUT KEY

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| 1. Bed | 4. Table |
| 2. Kitchen | 5. Fridge |
| 3. Lounge | 6. Bunks |

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UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- MODERN 'EUROPEAN FURNITURE' INTERIOR DESIGN
- FAMILY CARAVANNING IS BACK WITH DOUBLE OR TRIPLE BUNK SET-UPS AVAILABLE
- ATTENTION TO BUILD QUALITY AND QUALITY FITTINGS