

LISMORE AIR TC 600XL

FIELD TEST REVIEW BY PITCH IT CAMPING CLUB UK

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INTRODUCTION

At the start of the 2025 camping season we discussed looking for a new large family tent to replace our Vango Ventanas 650XL which we'd had for around 2 seasons. So, the search began!, and in April 2025 we decided following much research that the tent of choice would be the Vango Lismore Air TC 600XL.

This tent seemed to stand out to us and tick most of the boxes in terms of what we wanted from our next large tent.

Key features for us had to be things such as: it must be Airbeam®, a spacious living area, a porch large enough to cook in, and dark midnight bedrooms would also be a bonus, for us the Lismore satisfied all these requirements and more.

The quality of the TC sentinel fabric is amazing on this tent, and we will go into more about this later on in this test review.



As with all Airbeam® tents the Lismore is a breeze to pitch and by using our Tempest rechargeable pump, this made pitching even easier!





PACK SIZE & HANDLING

As with all large family tents the bags can be huge, but not with this one.
The pack size is smaller than expected.
Please note that this tent is TC Technical Cotton and TC is heavier that polyester.

The bag is a standard carry bag and not a wheel bag, based on the weight of the tent (38.65kg) a wheel bag would have been preferred however for this price-point the standard bag is what is supplied as money has clearly been invested in some of the other features within the tent.



Packing Away

The bag is an oversized pack bag, and upon packing away the tent was so easy to roll and get back in the over sized bag, this has to be the first large tent we have owned that Has been this easy to pack - love it!



QUALITY & DURABILITY

The quality of this tent is apparent from the moment that you roll it out of its bag! We were most impressed by the quality of the TC fabric, it has the feel of soft cotton but is ample in terms of the material thickness.

The material is plentiful and heavy duty, there's definitely more luxury feel with this compared to our polyester tents, and we've owned many!

This is a tent that will last you for many years to come if you look after it, and is worthwhile the Investment.

Due to the tent being TC, we immediately noticed how cool it was inside the tent once pitched, and the sun was blazing (around 22 degrees outside). This is because the weave within the fabric opens up and allows the tent to breathe, we genuinely felt the difference Immediately.





KEY FEATURES

Some of the features of this tent are really great, starting with the robust storm straps at the front and rear of the tent, we had these on our previous Ventanas and they ensure the tent is secure and stable especially in the event of wind or inclement weather.

The porch is spacious and we could fit both our titan chairs and table in there which we did at night with the front entrance door fully closed.

The porch has large crystal-clear windows making it perfect for sitting and admiring the view. The internal door between the porch and living area is located in the centre and there are two mesh windows either side of this door making the ventilation plentiful.

The living area is spacious measuring an impressive 2.9 meter x 3.8 meter, it has three windows providing lots of natural light into the tent and all windows within the living area have blinds.

There are three bedrooms and we are impressed just how dark the bedrooms are in daylight with the midnight dark material, the dividing walls between these bedrooms can be removed to make one big bedroom if preferred as we did.

There are two hook-up cable entry points at the front and rear, giving flexibility in how you pitch the tent. The side door zips top to bottom, allowing use of king poles to create a canopy (as shown above), and features a full-length ventilation panel for excellent airflow in hot weather.







OUR VERDICT & FIELD TEST

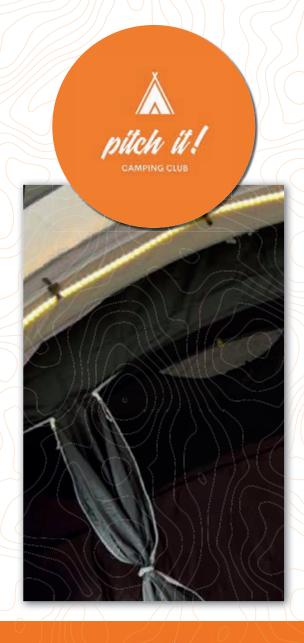
We really like this tent, this is a large good quality family tent for longer breaks. We were very surprised how quickly this tent pitched fully, we managed it in around 20 minutes, this compares well to our Ventanas which pitched fully in around 30 minutes.

The Lismore has the Sky Track hanging system on the bedroom Airbeam® which makes It perfect for using our flexi light (as shown on image), it also boasts several hanging points throughout the tent including in the porch area which is perfect for hanging our lanterns.

We would even use this tent for long weekends not just for longer holidays and this Is because it is a quick pitch tent. We did plenty of cooking in the porch and used this as a dining area, this porch is ideal for your kitchen area.

We would recommend this tent to anyone who wants;

- A good quality tent which will last you years and looks good
- Plenty of space for the family
- O Darkened bedrooms
- A quick pitch for a large tent
- Easy pack carry bag





TEMPEST RECHARGEABLE AIRBEAM® PUMP

Air pump that we used on this tent:

- Higher power capacity
- The pump has a USB socket, so it can double up as a power bank
- The greatest fill speed
- Adaptors supplied work on all tents including inflatable furniture
- Quiet with virtually no vibration Super-fast inflation!







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COMPARISON

We researched 4 other well-known brands of pumps as part of our review, and the Vango Tempest lead the way with the following features...

- Higher power capacity
- The only pump with a USB socket, so the pump can double up as a power bank
- The greatest fill speed
- Specifically designed to inflate tents and awnings
- Adaptors supplied work on all tents
- Quiet with very minimal vibration

