

# Panama P12

Candy Evans explores a campervan from a name that's new to the UK



Trigano is one of Europe's largest motorhome manufacturers, but you might not know it because its vehicles tend to come under more famous names, from Auto-Sleepers to Adria.

I headed over to White Mills Marina Certificated Site (CS844) in Earls Barton, Northamptonshire to see a campervan from one of its other brands – Panama, whose factory is based on the east coast of Spain, about halfway between Valencia and Barcelona.

There are two four-berth models in the 2025 Panama range, supplied in England for the first time by Marquis

Leisure. I took a closer look at the P12, but there's also the P57, which has an L-shaped kitchen and small toilet cubicle at the back.

The P12 has a traditional side-kitchen campervan layout. It's based on the latest Ford Tourneo Custom, which means you get a great driving experience helped by an auto gearbox and features such as automatic windscreen wipers as standard. It comes in at a whisker over the magic 2m height that's so important for car parks, but at only 5m long its footprint is similar to a large estate car.

There's also the option to add a couple of extra seats,

making this a full seven-seat people carrier.

## The lowdown

The Panama P12 could be an incredibly flexible everyday vehicle, load carrier or holiday campervan all in one compact package and comes with real Mediterranean flair. And with prices starting at a shade under £60,000, it's well priced in today's market.

**1** The kitchen has a two-burner hob, 42-litre fridge with a small freezer box and a sink. There's a small area of workspace, with the control panel for the electrics and heating to the side.

Most of the cupboards have roller shutter doors, which are very practical in a small space – you don't have to get out of the way of the doors when you open them.

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**2** The doors are just one of several touches that mark out this campervan, and the table is another. It can attach to the kitchen unit or be used outside.

**3** There are dimmable LED lighting strips in the ceiling.

**4** The rear bench seat is on rails so it can be moved close to the cab seats for companionship on the road or back to give more living space on the campsite. When it's converted into a bed for night-time use, you can change the angle of the head section for comfort.

**5** There's a second double bed in the roof, with a ladder so you don't need to clamber over the furniture to get into it.

**6** The roof is firmly clamped shut at the sides and there's even a fabric panel to hide the mechanism when you're not using it.

**7** You can add two extra travelling seats to make the P12 a full seven-seat people carrier. Each individual seat has ISOFIX mounting points to take a child's travelling seat, weighs an extra 36kg and will set you back £950.

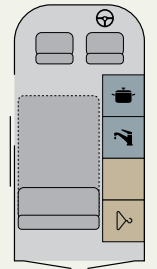
**8** The P12's sister model, the P57, is around 35cm longer than the P12 and manages to squeeze in a small toilet cubicle on the offside at the back, next to its L-shaped kitchen.



## Key facts



Prices from  
**£59,995**  
Berths **Four**  
Travel seats  
**Five to seven**  
Maximum  
Authorised  
Mass **3,175kg**  
User payload  
**617kg**



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## The rivals



### NEW

#### Swift Monza

Rosie Clack-Walsh described it as having "a compact and neat design with the reassurance of a conversion by Swift".

Prices from £73,500



### PRE-OWNED

#### 2023 Bilbo's Celex

Emily Barton felt the Celex was a sensibly-designed, comfortable, user-friendly touring campervan.

Price around £66,000



### PRE-OWNED

#### 2014 Wellhouse Leisure Ford Tourneo Terrier

Wellhouse Leisure was among the earliest converters of the Ford Tourneo Custom, the first Ford model to give the VW campervan a run for its money a decade ago.

Price around £30,000