

ELNAGH BARON 560

The Italian brand returns to the UK market in style with this well-appointed entry-level four-berth, says Peter Baber



The Elnagh brand graced UK forecourts until the financial crash of 2008, when it withdrew to its Italian homeland. This season, it is making a welcome reappearance, courtesy of fellow Trigano subsidiary Marquis Leisure.

Baron is designed as an entry-level range, although there are things about the 560 transverse-bed model that do not say 'entry level' at all.

For now, Marquis is throwing in an Adventure Pack worth £2300 as standard, which includes a solar panel, Pioneer DAB radio, a TV aerial and a rear parking sensor.

The red and grey decals on the ivory exterior, with the Elnagh snake logo, don't say 'budget', either.

Most services are on the offside, with a gas bottle locker sited low to make it easier to load, and a waste-water tank lever near the front. Inside, the 'more luxurious than budget' feel continues, particularly with the piping on the base cushions in the lounge.

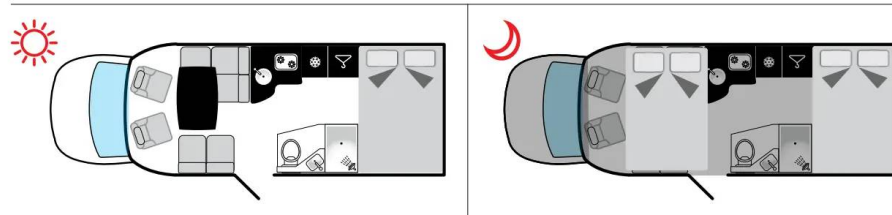
You climb in with the help of a grab rail with two slanted light switches below a large mirror, an arrangement similar to that in the McLouis Fusion 373 we reviewed in issue 290.

The cab seats swing around easily to create a comfortable lounge with room at the table for seven. That table slides neatly to the side if you prefer.

Natural light streams in through the opening sunroofs and large windows, even with the drop-down bed.

You get an LED under the bed and striplights on the edge, but no spotlights. There's a vent under the table from the Truma Combi 6E heater, and two USBs on the wall by the belted seats.

Price £67,995
Sleeps 4 **Belts** 4
Base vehicle Peugeot Boxer
Engine 2.2-litre, 140bhp turbodiesel
Length/width/height 6.99/2.35/2.85m (22'9"/7'7"/9'4")
MTPLM 3500kg
MiRO 2910kg
Payload 590kg
Water (fresh/waste) 100/100 litres
Leisure battery 110Ah
Gas 2 x 6kg



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The kitchen is very like the one in the McLouis: L-shaped with relatively good workspace, a two-burner hob and a stainless-steel sink. There's only a combined oven/grill (no microwave), but there is a 137-litre slimline fridge.

There is a step up to the washroom, and the toilet being on the door side means emptying the cassette under any awning. But that aside, this is one of the most impressive washrooms I've seen in a 6.99m-long 'van.

The offside shower has loads of space and headroom, and the designers have

made a virtue of the wheel arch, which you could sit on while showering.

There is a roof vent, and two drain holes. You also get a huge LED, as there is in the main washroom, which, as well as the circular toilet, includes a built-in basin in front of a large mirror.

The transverse bed has steps up to it – again, not something you see often in an entry-level 'van. There are two headboards, so you could sleep either way, but the spotlights are only at one end. You get a second set of TV sockets here, as well as those in the lounge.

up close



Standard Peugeot cab provides air conditioning and cruise control

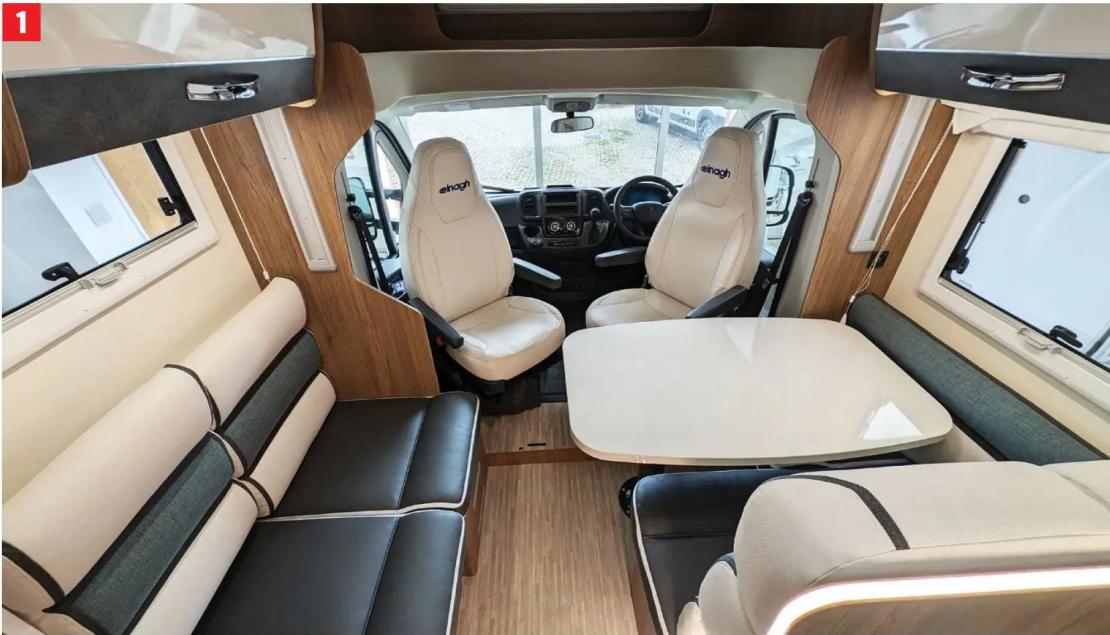


LEFT Two USBs are sited on the wall by belted travel seats

RIGHT Internal access to the garage via flap under the bed



Two large overhead lockers and open shelving above the bed

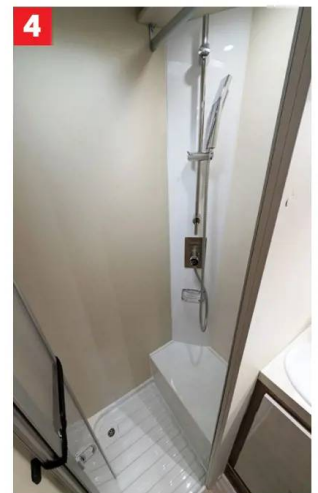


1 Swivel the cab seats to form a lounge that accommodates up to seven in great comfort

2 Two-burner hob and stainless-steel sink in the kitchen, although storage is limited

3 Big, well-lit mirror behind the handbasin in the washroom

4 Designers have made a feature of the large wheel arch in the shower, which could be used as a seat



The drop-down bed lowers easily, with no need to remove any headrests. It leaves room to get to the door, and the ladder doesn't get in the way. Whoever sleeps here gets two reading lights, and because of where it stops, you could possibly still use the lounge with it down. You can definitely still reach the kitchen worktop to make yourself a morning cuppa.

Storage kicks off with the large garage at the back. This comes with floor stays, is heated and well lit, and there is even a small internal access

door under the rear bed. A switch lets you raise the bed by about 30cm if you need more room.

Storage in the lounge isn't as limited as it is in other drop-down bed 'vans. There are two overhead lockers, and an area under the side settee. Further back are two more large overhead lockers above the bed, and some open shelving. There is a huge hanging wardrobe next to the rear bed, with shelves below. I suspect you'd have to use some of this wardrobe for kitchen stuff, as storage in the kitchen itself,

particularly for large items, is not so great. You get one shelved overhead locker, and a cupboard with a cutlery drawer under the worktop, but the pan locker under the oven is a little feeble.

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Elnagh's return is welcome – for a supposedly entry-level vehicle, this looks pretty good. It's comfortable, easy to sleep in, and has a superb washroom. We were very happy to make this one of our winners in the 2025 *Practical Motorhome Awards* (see p59).



Drop-down bed lowers easily, with no need to remove any headrests



Ladder to reach the drop-down bed doesn't impede kitchen access



LEFT Large rear garage is heated, well lit and fitted with floor stays

RIGHT Easy-access storage area under the side settee

