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Wild Country Zonda 6 EP

Iain Geddes checks out the first ever inflatable-tube family tent from Derbyshire-based Terra Nova

It was an inclement day just before lockdown when I had my first proper look at Wild Country's Zonda 6.

Like all inflatable-tube tents, the pack size is a little bulky but the details of the tent itself make things easier. As an example, the bag is designed to allow the tent to just roll out of it on to the optional footprint, making the pitching process that bit easier. The bag is also sufficiently oversized to make putting it away again a breeze.

Once unpacked, it's a case of pegging out the corners and inflating the tubes using the slimline double-action pump that's supplied with the tent.

The air tubes are 120mm diameter so they're not excessively bulky inside and they're backed by a ten year guarantee too.

Wild Country's parent brand, Terra Nova Equipment, has among its customers some of the most experienced

expedition campers on the globe. With such a background, perhaps it's not surprising it's transferred such high quality into the Wild Country product.

The flysheet is a 150 denier rip-stop textile boasting a hydrostatic head of 6,000mm. All seams are very neatly stitched and taped for good water resistance.

The EP in the tent's name stands for 'extended porch'. This is integrated into the flysheet but the sewn-in groundsheet stops short of the porch. There's a separate removable bath-tub groundsheet here for added flexibility.

Not only is this tent very good at keeping the wet weather out, there are well placed vents to allow good airflow for maximum comfort inside.


For warm days the mesh panels in the windows should further enhance this flow but keep out small unwanted guests. For convenience there

are cable entry points on both sides as well.

The windows are tinted to help control strong sunlight and their curtains are easily adjusted with zips.

Guy lines are well placed for stability. The front and rear of the tent have tapes that are very strong, but you must remember to twist them or they'll vibrate and make a lot of noise in the wind – a sound you'll not want to hear at night.

The three-bedroom inner tent at the rear is made of a darkened material, really useful for those with children who spring to life at the first hint of sunshine. The dividing bedroom panels can be removed if preferred too.

The Zonda 6 is clearly a family holiday tent made to a very high standard that should last many years, if you look after it. The range includes four- and eight-berth versions too, plus a drive-away awning for campervans. 

At a glance

Guide price £1,200

Sleeps Six

Dimensions Outer 6.4m x 4.5m; inner 2.15m x 4.2m (divided in three 2.15m x 1.4m)

Weight 38.7kg

Packed size

100cm x 70cm x 50cm

Maximum headheight 2.1m

Materials Outer polyester; inner breathable polyester; groundsheet polyethylene; air tubes

For more information

terra-nova.co.uk

