

## CARRY ON GLAMPING



The Bates Family, Jeremy, Anne and daughters Liz (nine) and Ciara (seven), took themselves off to Jersey for a spot of camping. Sorry, make that glamping. What did the skeptical parents (and kids) think?

Camping, we admit, was never high on the agenda. But nowadays it's simplicity with style, which is why the travel gurus have invented a new word called "glamping", shorthand for "glamorous camping".

We gave it a try last summer on a short break with the kids in Jersey. Anyone who has camped for real will know that camping and travelling do not usually go hand-in-hand. But here's the first joy of glamping: all the kit is already there, including bedding, furniture, proper gas hob and (luxury!) a fridge. A toothbrush, towel, swimsuit and couple of changes of clothes each saw us through the long weekend.

The second joy of glamping is not having to put up tents. A large, immaculate tent was waiting for us, with three bedrooms and a spacious living area, plus plenty of room outside for parking the van and setting up the barbecue. When we left, we simply zipped up the tent and drove away.

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