

2017 Tent Owner Satisfaction Awards

Best weekender tents

Winner: Quechua

Highly Commended: Vango

Highly Commended: Khyam

Our definition: Designed to offer comfortable accommodation for at least two people, most weekender tents have a living area as well as separate bedroom inners. Because of their short-stay intentions, the tents need to be easy to pitch as well as put away, but they're not always necessarily light on features. Room to stand up in is often a 'must-have' for a weekender tent.

This new category replaced the Up to Four-person Tents category we used in our first Tent Survey. As a result, we had a wholly different set of winners (it was Cabanon's Classics, followed by the Karsten 350 and Vango Ark that took the podium positions before).

The Quechua brand swept the board this time, with an overall satisfaction score of 91.2%. Highly Commended awards go to Vango and Khyam rated 86.2% and 85.9% respectively.

Quechua lists its tent as being suitable for one- to three-person use, or four- to eight-persons, so there's a certain overlap – arguably, most designated Family and for three or four people can be considered for weekend use.

Similarly, the ease with which Khyam tents can be put up makes them especially suitable for weekend use.

There were two other high scoring brands – Outwell, with 80%, and Coleman (78%).

We asked tent owners to tell us, on a scale of one to ten, how satisfied overall they are with how their tent has performed in a number of key areas, where one is “not at all satisfied” and 10 is “extremely satisfied”. We expressed the final rating (satisfaction score) as a percentage which you can see here in the table.

Notes:

Redefining this category meant more mainstream brands came to the fore.

Typical quotes:

Brand	Satisfaction rating
Quechua	91.2%
Vango	86.2%
Khyam	85.9%
Outwell	80.0%
Coleman	78.0%

“Because its quick to assemble for short stay such as night fishing or local camping for the kids.” (Quechua)

“Had a break from camping so wanted to test waters again without breaking the bank. Good reviews online and special offer.” (Vango)

“Easy to erect on my own. Can stand up in it. Can pack away easily. Plenty of room when friends sit in during wet periods. Can pack it on the motorbike/sidecar with ease.” (Khyam)

“Because it is quicker to erect and more robust than any other tent. It can withstand any weather conditions. Joints are easy to replace and it's very roomy.” (Khyam)