



Hello and thanks for buying one of our Touareg tents.
Here is the best way to put your tent up. One person is shown doing this but the more there are the faster it goes up.
If you look at the bottom of this document you will see a list of tips to help you get years of use out of your tent.

Enjoy!!! And don't hesitate to contact us if you have any more questions, good ideas on better ways of tenting or just to send in pictures of you Camping with Soul for the gallery on the site.

Putting up a Touareg Tent

Some general advice

- We advise having 2 people to erect the tent as it will simplify the work but it's fine with just one if you follow the instructions below.
- Find a flat place big enough to put up your tent comfortably (including the guy ropes) and remove all sharp objects, roots etc. to prevent damaging the groundsheet.
- Be careful when you put the tent under tension with the guy ropes and always try to keep the tension even.
- Make sure all zippers are closed before you peg out the tent and again when you adjust the guy ropes and also make sure the guy ropes are pegged out in line with the tent seams.

Now this is how to do it properly.

(If you have the Deluxe just lay it out, peg down the bottom of the walls and start at point 4)



1) Unpack the tent

2) Lay out the ground sheet as flat as possible and peg it down with the small pegs to stop it from blowing away. You then should only keep the tent on the groundsheet and off the floor. This stops it getting stained.





3) Lay the canvas out on top of the groundsheet and using middle sized pegs peg the bottoms of the walls down right next to the corresponding pegs in the ground sheet.



4) Now you need to do a one off stringing. This will take around 15 mins but you only need to do it the once. The Touareg will then take around a total of 10 mins to erect. Lay all the ropes and sort them into long and short.



5) Always keep the canvas on the groundsheet (to stop it getting stained) and tie the short ropes to the points on either side with the adjuster on the end away from the tent.





5) Take the 4 long guy ropes and in the same way attached them to the loops at the top of the doors front and back. When you do go to peg out the ropes slide the adjuster some way from the end so you can then adjust both ways. The way it works is to put the peg in the loop closest to the knot at the end of the rope. If you try and use the loop further up it won't adjust.



6) Unzip a door and starting with the longest pole position it in the middle of the tent followed by the 4 medium sized poles that go at the corners of the door. Don't forget to fit the clear rain caps to each of these poles to stop the rain getting in. We find it's best to peg in each guy rope as you put each medium pole up but be careful to do it loosely as you can adjust the tension once all the ropes are up)





7) Once all 5 internal poles are up come out and zip the door up. Now go to either side of the tent and fit the small poles to each corner of the tent peg. Now peg out the short guy ropes and angle the two outside edge ropes slightly away from the centre two to give more stability. Again start off quite loosely otherwise you'll end up with the tent leaning towards where you started.



8) Once all the guy ropes are in it's now time to go round tightening all the adjusters to get the tent good and taught.

9) Finally go round the tent tucking the skirt under the groundsheet from the inside of the tent to create a weather resistant seal. It's worth taking the time to do this properly to avoid leaks. (not on deluxe)

Job done!!

Next time you put your Touareg up it will take a fraction of the time and you should find it takes around 10 mins.

Enjoy.....

Taking down your Touareg and getting it back in the bag.

You might think this is telling you how to suck eggs but if you follow this routine your tent will stay clean, dry and last you for years.

It is VITAL that your tent is stored Bone Dry. If you have to take it down wet get it straight out when you get home and hang it over something to start drying it out. If you wait a day or so you run the risk of mould. Once you get that you're stuck with it as it grows in the material not just on it.

Hang it on a washing line, in the garage or over furniture, anywhere where it can start to dry.



Taking down the Touareg.

The idea is to take the tent down on its groundsheet. This way it doesn't touch the ground and get stained and muddy.

If you have the deluxe go as far as point 5) and see the instructions at the end.

- 1) Get everything out of tent and brush out mud and dirt
- 2) Remove pegs on guy ropes
- 3) Remove poles and tent will drop on itself
- 4) Zip up door
- 5) Go round throwing all the guy ropes onto the centre of the tent
- 6) Put the bag next to the tent so you can tell how thick a roll you need to create.
- 7) Take one side and fold over towards the middle so the edge ends up in the middle of the tent.
- 8) Repeat on the other side
- 9) Repeat the folding until you end up with a roll the same width as the bag.
- 10) Fold in half towards the bag, Repeat
- 11) Now roll up and place roll on bag to stop grass stains.
- 12) Now un-peg the groundsheet. Unless you are in the driest of dry conditions there will be condensation from the grass on the underside. You need to let this dry off so, weather permitting, flip the ground sheet over (don't do it on the same spot as the condensation was) and give it a couple of mins to dry off. A couple of pegs will stop it flying away and consider laying it over something dry if the grass around is wet. (car , tarmac, fence, whatever) Not doing this means your storing a damp tent + possible mould.) If you have to take it home damp pack it separately to the tent, dry it off when home and then pack together
- 13) If you have to take the groundsheet home wet underneath try folding it in on itself so the wet bottom to next to wet bottom and the outside was the upside in the tent and will be dry.





14) Once dry fold in on itself until you end up a strip the same width as the tent and fold it on itself until you have a square. Then slightly unroll the tent. Put the groundsheet, poles and pegs on top and roll around them to create a roll the correct size for the bag.

15) Use the ties to secure the roll and put it in the bag,

Job done and as the poles and pegs are secure in the middle of the tent they are protected and you won't leave them behind. (You'd be amazed how many calls we get from people in fields on weekends desperate for poles or pegs that were left at home!

Deluxe.

You want to adhere to the same rules as above as in keeping the canvas off the ground unless it's bone dry.

6) Having unpegged the whole deluxe tent fold it over once on itself so that you've got half the groundsheet pointing at the sky and it's canvas on canvas.

7) Let that half of the underside dry off

8) Then move the tent so you're away from the condensation left under its footprint and roll it over so the other half of the underside can dry.

9) Once dry follow the normal instructions from 13)

Cleaning mud off my Tipi Tent

What with the British weather odds on you'll get mud splattered onto it at some point.

The best way to get it off is to leave it alone until it's dried out. If that means taking the tent out again when you get home then that's what you need to do.

Once the tent is bone dry a stiff hand brush will work miracles. If you mess around with wet mud and wet cloths you'll end up just rubbing it in.

To clean the Groundsheet wash it with a hose and brush or not too powerful jetwash and allow to dry.

Any problems feel free to call us, even if it's a weekend we'll try and answer or email us at info@belltent.co.uk. We're always looking for better ways of doing things so please let us know if you have any ideas of how to do anything quicker or better.

We hope you have loads of fun with your tent and as long as it's stored correctly it should give you years of pleasure.

ENJOY and see you in a field soon!!



Here's some other general info.

Cotton.

Cotton tent canvas can be divided into three different kinds: lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight canvas.

Lightweight canvas weighs between 130 and 180 gr/m² and is suited for lightweight expeditions on foot.

Middleweight canvas weighs between 180 and 220 gr/m² and is used for tents designed to remain for longer periods in one place.

Heavyweight canvas weighs 220 to 320 gr/m². Bungalow tents, group tents and army tents are being made out of this.

Therefore U just bought what is rated as a heavy-weight canvas tent.

Cotton shrinks when wet, making itself waterproof when it rains.

The canvas has been impregnated to protect it from dirt, ultraviolet radiation and fungus.

Advantages Cotton / Canvas:

- Strong
- Breathing and humidity regulating

Disadvantages cotton:

- Dries slowly
- Sensitive for dirt and fungus

Maintenance:

The cotton must be dry before storing the tent. Never keep the tent stored away wet for longer than two days. Otherwise fungus can affect the canvas which will create little black irremovable dots. The canvas has been impregnated with anti-fungi but when using the tent often this process should be repeated every two years. Maintenance starts when setting up the tent. When the tent has not been erected properly uneven forces will pull on the canvas. This could eventually lead to damage. It is in your interest to keep the canvas as clean as possible and remove stains when created. Dust can best be wiped away with a soft brush, soft!



Lifespan:

The lifespan of your tent is very dependent upon camping conditions. Air pollution, ultraviolet radiation, natural dirt (bird droppings, sand, salt water) and domestic dirt (cooking stains, soda, wine, sun cream) limit the lifespan of your cotton canvas tent.

- Lightweight canvas last 15 to 40 weeks.
- Middle-weight cotton canvas 20 to 40 weeks
- Heavy-weight canvas 40 to 60 weeks of outdoor usage.

Zippers:

Zippers sometime have to endure extreme tension caused by wind, badly erected, pressures caused by people or object leaning into the tent.

Tip:

- Close all zippers before erecting the tent.
- Handle the zippers with care.
- To protect the zippers treat them with silicones once in a while.
- Verify zippers before using, no insurance on zippers after use.

Fungus and stains:

Due to insufficient ventilations fungus can affect the canvas. It is important to store your tent dry so no fungus or other stains can appear. When you have to temporarily store the tent wet be sure to remove the mud and dirt from the bottom of the tent put your tent back out to dry ASAP.

Tip:

- Store your tent 100% dry.
- When dealing with fungus use a soft brush or sponge and a lot of fresh water. Only use specialised tent cleaning product to remove difficult stains. Other chemical products can cause the cotton to leak. We suggest you have your tent re-impregnated after washing it.

Leaking:

Cotton can, when new, let some air through and leak around the seams. After the canvas has been wet once this will no longer happen because of the cotton expanding. Very light stains can appear on a wet tent, this causes no problems. Mainly because of ultraviolet radiation working in on the tent this layer will wear down no longer making the tent waterproof.

Tip:

- To preserve your tents water resistance and prolong its lifespan, the outside should be regularly treated with a sealant (good spay can sealants on the market)

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