



How Much Does It Cost To Buy A Hot Tub / Exercise Spa? (C20)

Purchasing a hot tub / exercise spa should be an exciting time and we wish you luck as there are many different brands and different sellers to choose from. We would recommend that you buy from a BISHTA member, as they are expected to work to Industry Standards and to abide by a Code of

Generally, there is quite a large range of prices for a customer wishing to purchase a hot tub or exercise spa. The hot tubs can range from just a few hundred pounds for an inflatable spa, to a starting point of a few thousand pounds for basic domestic self-contained hot tubs up to £20,000 for the luxury hot tubs. A significant portion of the market is around £6,000 - £12,000. Exercise spas have a much bigger volume of water than ordinary hot tubs and their price can vary from £15,000 to £30,000 for the most expensive models.

Please be very careful when buying 'bargain' hot tubs on the internet, as amongst the many legitimate retailers, there are some who are offering poor quality products, with little, or no warranty back up. Please check to see whether the company is a member of BISHTA and ask to speak to some genuine customers to see whether they have been satisfied with their purchase.

Other costs that need to be considered include the method of transporting the hot tub from the road to its final location in your garden or elsewhere in your home. Items for consideration include preparing a suitable flat base for the hot tub to stand on, the cost of the electrical supply to the hot tub, water treatment products to keep the hot tub (including the water) clean and healthy, and maintenance costs (unless you intend to clean the filters, etc. yourself). You may also want to budget for extras such as gazebos to enhance your experience!

Most hot tubs are installed outdoors, but if you are considering installing it indoors, then you will need professional advice on environmental control and drainage.

Similarly, most hot tubs are sited above ground, but should you wish to install it in ground or in decking, then check first what is needed before starting work and then discussing where there may be a problem! Remember that access is going to be needed to maintain and service the hot tub.



Running costs

There will be some differences between customers' energy bills, depending on the type of product, where it is located, what temperature it is run at and how much it is used in the colder months of the year. The price will also vary depending on the unit price of electricity (unless you have a wood burning stove rather than an electrical supply)! Cheaper hot tub models will generally have less insulation than the more expensive models and so will typically cost more to run per day. Check whether any claims for running costs can be verified, as BISHTA would tend to state figures between £1 and £1.50 per day as an average for a hot tub.

Where can I find out more?

For information about products sold by BISHTA members, please visit www.bishta.co.uk and look in the "Find a Member" or "Where to Buy" sections.

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