



Touring in Style

The Talvor Euro Tourer is a well priced and comfortable cruising motorhome

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The kitchen is small but practical



The driving compartment is comfortable



Storage space is quite good



An on-board shower/toilet is a plus



The dinette is quite comfy for two



The bedroom can be opened up via the rear doors

There's a lot to be said for touring Oz in a relatively small motorhome. Fuel consumption is one factor, manoeuvrability another. Then, of course, there is the initial outlay. We'd all like a mega motorhome with more bells and whistles than a Packer mansion, but given today's economic fragility, particularly as far as it affects superannuation, the dollars involved in a highway yacht are well beyond most of us.

That's where rigs like the Talvor Euro Tourer come in. These reasonably priced, Brisbane-built motorhomes put small-van touring within relatively comfortable reach, without breaking the bank.

ON THE OUTSIDE

The Euro Tourer is built on the Ford Transit Jumbo Van, with a 2.4L turbo-diesel engine, six-speed manual transmission, ABS and power steering. Driving these vans is pretty much the same as a car, save for the overall length of 6.4m. That said, the Euro Tourer is not all that much longer than my Troopy.

Comfortable, swivelling bucket seats (you only get Captain's Chairs on highway yachts), easy to see dash, and big side mirrors make highway cruising a snack.

Externally, the Euro Tourer is quite attractive, with swirling decals and big windows. A rollout awning is fitted to the kerb side, above a big sliding access door. An electric step is installed to aid access at the main door.

At the rear is a pair of full-height double doors with access into the bedroom. A rear step is fitted here to assist access. On the driver's side is a hatch concealing the gas bottle storage area. Both 12V and 240V power is standard.

One thing I did like about the Euro Tourer is the single wheels at the rear. I'm not a big fan of motorhomes with little dual wheels on the rear. Changing wheels becomes a bit of a chore.

Externally, the Talvor Euro Tourer is a neat little rig.

ON THE INSIDE

Main entry to the Euro Tourer is via the kerbside sliding door. The dinette is opposite, with the kitchen along the kerb side, the bathroom opposite, and the bedroom occupying the rear.

Access from the driving compartment to the interior is easy, and above the driving compartment is a lined storage area.

The dinette is serviced by the swivelling driver's seat and a fixed bench seat, with a neat swivelling dining table between. On the bulkhead behind the dinette is a TV. A window adjacent to the dining area is curtained for privacy if required, and a light is fitted overhead, beneath storage lockers.

KEY ASPECTS

- ▶ Good on-board storage
- ▶ Manoeuvrability
- ▶ Easy driving
- ▶ Good use of interior space



The kitchen is by the door on the kerb side and is compact yet serviceable. The kitchen console consists of a sink up forward and a three-burner cook top at the rear end. Beneath the cook top is a storage area for utensils, while beneath the sink is an 80L Waeco fridge freezer.

A rangehood is fitted above the cook top, while in the overhead console are a microwave, storage locker and shelving.

The shower/toilet is at the foot of the bed opposite the kitchen and comprises a flush cassette toilet, shower and ventilation. Certainly it's cosy, but it does the job admirably.



RATINGS

ON THE OUTSIDE	8/10
ON THE INSIDE	7.5/10
IN THE KITCHEN	7/10
AT THE DINETTE	7.5/10
IN THE BEDROOM	7/10
KEEPING CLEAN	7/10

SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER:	Talvor Motorhomes
MODEL:	Euro Tourer Ford
BODY LENGTH:	6.4m
WIDTH:	1.97m
PRICED FROM:	\$79,990

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The bedroom occupies the rear of the vehicle. The double bed is fitted to the driver's side, with access along the kerb side. The bathroom wall butts up against half of the bed, so midnight toilet breaks mean climbing over the partner. That's not so bad, but my bride reckons we'd follow the 'weakest bladder on the open side' rule.

Above the bed on the driver's side is an array of overhead lockers, along with the air-conditioner. Down-lights are fitted in the overhead.

Along the kerb side, big windows allow in plenty of light, as do the windows in the rear doors. All these windows are

curtained for privacy. Along the kerb side opposite the foot of the bed is a full-sized wardrobe with a roll-up door, which is handy in a small rig like this, while above the window is a strip of mirror.

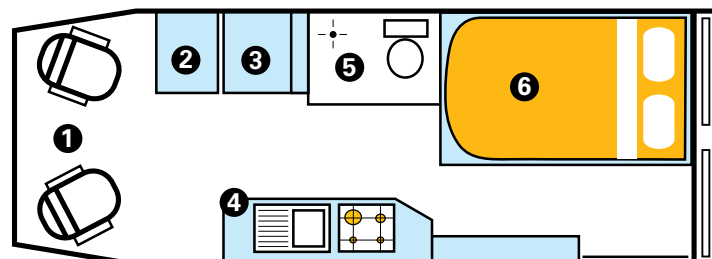
The finish in the Euro Tourer is very neat and tidy, and the layout is well thought out. The use of interior space is quite good.

WRAP-UP

There's no doubt that motorhomes of this size are quite cosy, but the Talvor Euro Tourer makes better use of this limited space than some I've seen. It's a very useful little tourer. ■



The interior is well laid out



KEY

1. Swivel chairs
2. Dinette
3. Lounge
4. Kitchen
5. Bathroom
6. Double bed