

CARAVANS VS MOTORHOMES

While motorhomes are often perceived as the ultimate RV experience, the reality is that caravanning has an enormous number of benefits which outweigh the motorhome experience.

CARAVAN

- ✓ More enjoyable journey as travelling in the comfort of your tow vehicle.
- ✓ Low maintenance costs, no oil and filter, no COF, no turbo/gearbox to worry about.
- ✓ More total storage space due to having room in the car as well.
- ✓ More efficient thermal insulation.
- ✓ No high mileage depreciation.
- ✓ WOF for first three years.
- ✓ Freedom of exploring: unhook caravan and use tow vehicle; easy to manoeuvre in new places and find a car park.
- ✓ Never get your 'spot' taken at NZMCA/DOC/POP as your caravan doesn't move until you are ready to go to the next location.
- ✓ Saving of \$75k - \$110k when comparing size, layout and features.
- ✓ Layout not compromised by the cab seating.
- ✓ Larger tanks are available on some caravans to meet customer requirements, at an additional cost.

MOTORHOME

- ✗ Truck-like cab open to the motorhome interior makes for a noisy journey.
- ✗ Expensive to maintain. Ongoing costs include COF, engine maintenance, more costly registration and insurance etc.
- ✗ Limited storage space.
- ✗ Less efficient insulation as the motorhome cab is not insulated and has single glazing.
- ✗ Mileage = value depreciation.
- ✗ Most motorhomes require 6-monthly COF.
- ✗ Can be difficult to find a suitably large car park in a town or tourist spot.
- ✗ Can lose parking spot at NZMCA/DOC/POP each time you leave the site.
- ✗ \$75k - \$110k more expensive than a caravan with equivalent size, layout and features.
- ✗ Usable floor area is restricted by the inclusion of the cab seating.
- ✗ Tank upgrades not feasible.