

Elddis

Marquis Majestic 175

When only two people will use the motorhome and maximum living (and washing!) space is the priority...



FACT FILE

BASE VEHICLE Peugeot Boxer

PRICE FROM £48,495

BERTHS 2

TRAVEL SEATS 2

LENGTH 7.02m

WIDTH 2.20m

HEIGHT 2.82m

GROSS WEIGHT 3,500kg

PAYLOAD 652kg

HERE'S a uniquely British layout; long side-facing settees up front and a spacious full-width washroom across the rear. It is designed solely for those needing a pure two-berth – with no possibility of more passengers, to travel or to sleep. And yet, this is far from a compact model – at over seven metres in length.

There have been some popular classics in this format; think Auto-Trail Mohican and Autocruise Gleneagle, as well as past Kon-tikis and Bessacarrs. As island beds and fixed singles have risen in popularity, though, so the choice of models with this sort of layout has dropped

away. It's still a firm fixture in the Elddis Autoquest line-up – and in the Marquis Majestic range, which is a dealer special based thereon.

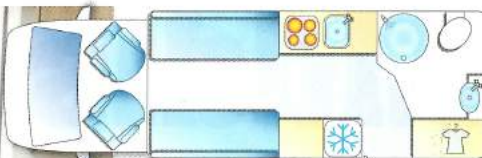
Of course, the advantage of the Marquis derivative is additional specification, which leaves the entry-level roots of the Autoquest behind and adds a good deal of extra kit – although the basic design and construction is still exactly the same.

The enhanced equipment starts in the Peugeot cab, where you'll appreciate the 160bhp 2-litre engine (upgraded from Elddis' standard model's 130bhp) most of all. But this base



vehicle goes way beyond a bit more grunt, with cosmetics such as alloy wheels, practicalities like automatic lights and wipers, safety features including tyre pressure monitoring and security in the form of an alarm and tracker system. Then there's a DAB radio with touchscreen





WHO IS ELDDIS?

Marquis Majestic models are produced by Elddis, which was a company within the group previously known as The Explorer Group.



In February 2017 The Explorer Group was bought out by one of Europe's biggest leisure vehicle producers, the Erwin Hymer Group. So Explorer has now become Erwin Hymer Group UK.

The history of Elddis goes right back to 1963 when Siddle Cook first produced hand-built caravans at his home. Siddle launched Elddis and the new firm was based just outside Consett in County Durham. It's still there today, although on a different site to the original one. And the name? Elddis is simply Siddle spelt backwards.

Success followed and various other motorhome brands (Autohomes, Buccaneer, Compass) were swallowed up, but these days just one brand of motorhomes (Elddis) is still built at the Consett factory.

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Marquis Leisure has been around since 1973 and is proud to offer the biggest dealer network in the UK, so there should be a branch not too far away from you.



12 outlets cover England well, although there are no branches in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. The most northerly location is the Durham branch at Birtley (near Chester-le-Street), the most southerly not far from Plymouth. Preston, Sheffield, Northampton and Ipswich all have a Marquis site. For customers living south of London, Berkshire, Hampshire, Dorset and Sussex all have branches. All Marquis outlets are open seven days a week.



sat-nav and automatic climate control air-conditioning. Marquis even includes a year's insurance (subject to terms and conditions) within the sub-£50k price tag.

That roomy lounge not only converts into a huge 2.08m by 1.33m double bed but two 1.86m by 0.72m singles, which are likely to be the more popular choice in a floorplan like this as they require almost no work; just add sleepings bags or duvets. And the upholstery here has Aquaclean and Safefront technology, so it won't snag and just wipes clean with water; great if your canine friends forget to wipe their feet!

A dedicated TV point is provided, too (along with a Teleco Teleplus directional aerial) with a bracket on the wall next to the fridge. Armrest cushions are supplied and there are sunroof-sized vents over the cab and above the lounge. Of course, the cab seats swivel, so you could easily seat eight in here on site; entertaining friends has long been a USP of this model and its like.

Kitchen space is pretty impressive, too, thanks to the space saved by not having a fixed bed. Cooking features a dual-fuel hob with high-speed burner, separate grill and oven, and a

microwave. There's a worktop extension flap at the forward end, as well as some preparation space next to the black gloss enamelled sink. Opposite the main galley is a tall fridge/freezer.

And all this doesn't compromise the style of the washroom, which not only includes a beam-me-up-Scotty circular shower but also the expected swivel cassette loo, a fixed basin and the wardrobe, too.

Other spec highlights include cab blinds, a solar panel, 4kW Whale heating, an awning, exterior shower and barbecue points and a Grade III Winter Pack.