



Our Benimar Mileo 283
pitched up at Bath Chew
Valley Caravan Park

Benimar in Bristol fashion

This month, we've been spending time in the West Country, adding some miles to our latest long-termer, the Benimar Mileo 283.

As part of our 'Tale of Two Cities' tour (see p22), Claudia started off in Bath, and then I took up the mantle in Bristol, to spend a couple of nights staying in the 'van while I explored this vibrant city.

The Mileo's compact size really helped when finding parking in the city on my first day there: the 283 is less than 6m long, making it simple to parallel park in the long bay on Brunel Lock Road. This was within easy walking distance of the harbourside attractions that I particularly wanted to see.

It also made navigating the network of A- and

B-roads on my route to Bath Chew Valley Caravan Park straightforward, even when driving through the heavy traffic and roadworks of Bristol's busy centre.

Once pitched up at the site, it took just minutes to get everything set up and ready, with the rear sofas providing the perfect spot for me to put my feet up and relax.

The 'van's kitchen spec is very impressive, especially for a Continental brand, with a three-burner hob,

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oven/grill and microwave. As a result, I was positively spoilt for choice as to what to cook, and I ended up staying in for dinner every evening of my trip, enjoying the sheer comfort and ease of the motorhome.

When it came to making up the bed, both the slats on one side of the lounge and the box slide-out on the other were easy to bring together to form the base.

I must admit that I really like the washroom in this motorhome. Because the 283 is a compact model, it's not the biggest washroom that you'll find in a 'van; but the smart white surfaces look great, and they're very easy to keep clean. There's also a swivel-bowl cassette toilet in here, and the tambour door means that

it's easy to get in and out of the washroom. An opening window finishes off the kit list.

Overall, the Mileo was very comfortable and quite fuss-free; it made a great place to unwind after a day of city exploring.

Bryony Symes

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Price.....	£51,995
Berths.....	3
Belts.....	4
Base.....	Fiat Ducato
Engine.....	2.3, 150bhp, Euro 6
Length/width/height.....	5.99/2.30/2.89m
Payload.....	650kg
Miles covered on test.....	272
Faults.....	None
Overall expenses.....	None
Previous reports.....	
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