



Marquis Majestic 155

Candy Evans spends a week off-grid in this dealer special motorhome from Club Preferred Dealer Marquis Leisure

The Elddis Autoquest has been a stalwart in the UK market for a long time so it's quite difficult to improve on its basic formula, but Marquis manages to pull a few things out of the hat in its dealer special range, known as the Majestic.

I stayed in the 2019 Majestic 155 at the East of England Arena and Events Centre during the New Wine festival this summer, which meant being away from an electric hook-up for eight nights. As a result I couldn't take full advantage of the microwave or electric hotplate, but otherwise I was fully self-sufficient, courtesy of the solar panel on the roof. The

Truma charge controller was even clever enough to keep the starter battery topped up as well.

The driving experience

Marquis offers the upgraded Peugeot Boxer BlueHDi Euro 160bhp engine on this motorhome and it's relaxing to drive, though I resorted to the traditional tea towel to stop the hob rattling on the road.

There are plenty of gadgets to help the driver, from cruise control to a rear-view camera. The DAB radio/MP3 player has a touch screen and worked well for my trip, as did the cab air conditioning.

The Majestic furnishings, complete with red piping

and little crowns, are smart and the light wood cabinetry works with no fewer than four skylights to brighten things well.

Living on board

Since I was on site for eight days I was able to set things up for the duration. Closing the blinds across the windscreen and doubling up with the curtains meant all the cab clutter was out of sight and I barely knew I was in a motorhome rather than a caravan.

The front lounge was completed by swivelling the cab seats and for dining there's a freestanding table (normally tucked away in a

storage slot in the wardrobe). Unfortunately, there's a step between the seating area and the kitchen so it was a day or two before I managed to move around without falling up or down it.

As well as the comfy cab seats, you have two sofas for lounging, which each have end bolster cushions and panels to stop those cushions falling off. If you have rear-seat passengers, their seats fold up from underneath the sofas. This means there's a little less storage under the seats but there's still enough room for bedding or a box or two. As a final party trick, these sofas will convert into a double bed at night if needed.

Ready to eat

As I was on my own on board, I was able to cook and eat by just using the small fold-out section of worksurface by the kitchen.

You have full cooking facilities, with three gas rings and an electric hotplate, a grill, oven and a microwave, complete with a smart mirrored front.

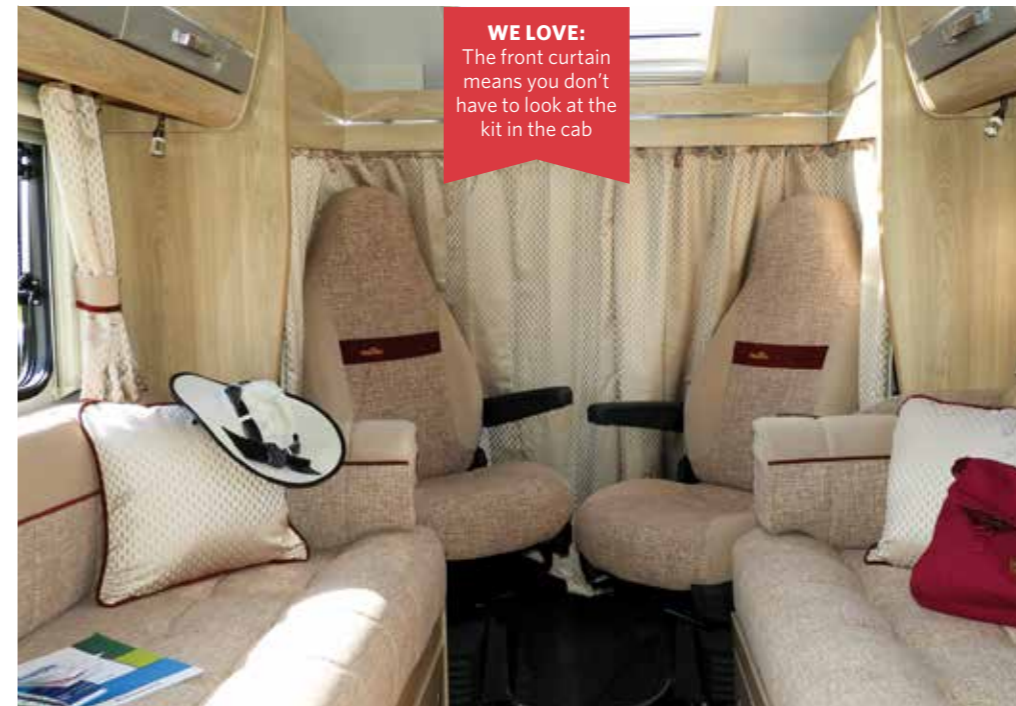
Storage is good in this area with eye-level cupboards, including one that's large enough for a tall cereal box, and a number of small drawers.

The Dometic fridge freezer is under the sink and you get a couple of small areas of worksurface, though in most cases you'll probably find yourself preparing food on the hob cover.

At night

This fixed bed/corner washroom layout is fairly

▲ Autoquest in its Majestic dealer special livery is an eye-catching motorhome



rare in today's motorhomes, though it's still popular among towed caravans.

In the 155 Elddis has put a substantial wardrobe with shelving opposite the kitchen and a folding door can divide the sleeping area off from the rest of the van.

The rear corner double bed was very comfortable and you can access the large storage space underneath it from outside as well as in.

There's a small dressing area in front of the washroom with a mirror and a 230V socket for a hair dryer or similar. This is near a couple of small shelves that also boast two USB charging sockets, though these are only really suitable for small gadgets as the shelves would be too narrow to take something as large as a laptop.

Each bed occupant gets his or her own reading light and small shelf and there are a full set of eye-level cupboards around the sides here.

And so to the washroom

There's already plenty squeezed into this practical motorhome so you may not be surprised to hear there are a few compromises in the washroom.



You walk through the shower tray to reach the toilet and there's a fold-down basin above it.

Some things, however, are more than I'd expect. There's a proper folding shower screen to protect the toilet from the shower - though sadly it doesn't cover the towel hooks so it's pretty much impossible to keep towels dry while showering - and the storage cabinet is an excellent size.

Verdict

A practical, well priced motorhome for two with the option to take a couple more on occasion. Marquis has added some useful extra features to the traditional Elddis model. ⚡



▲ Clockwise from top: The living area has seating for six; the fixed corner bed layout is unusual in motorhomes today; there's a flip-down basin above the toilet; the Majestic has a well-equipped kitchen

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At a glance

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£50,495
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x height 7.02m
x 2.69m x
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