



READY FOR
The Road

From top view towards the front lounge the entrance is set as a semi accessible height the 1200 fridge is mounted on the floor with a cupboard underneath.

The name might be exotic but there is nothing fanciful about La Vista's construction and build techniques it's very much done in the contemporary Australian manner.

With an external length of 19ft (5.8m), the Majorca has a Tare of 1940kg and an ATM of 2340kg, giving a good load carrying capacity. Our Toyota Prado towed the Majorca without a problem.

The tandem-axle DuraGal chassis was a very familiar item - especially with the centre-mounted jockey wheel and twin 9kg gas cylinders. In addition to the gas cylinders, a wire mesh has been fitted inside the A-frame, thus giving somewhere to put hoses or the occasional piece of firewood. At the rear, the looped end bumper bar sported the necessary spare wheel and quick-drop stabilisers are fitted to all corners.

With everything in its place, there's little need for external bins except for the galvanized sheet-lined front boot. It's almost empty too, except for a 240/12v power pack and 12V fuses.

On the offside, the two external doors are for the Suburban 23L hot water heater and the Thetford toilet cassette.

Completing the list of external fittings are the Camec triple-locker door, tinted acrylic

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hopper windows and A&E awning with two wall lights.

Stepping into the Majorca reveals a fairly standard layout - front island bed, kitchen split across the rear and offside with bathroom in between (in the offside rear corner) and a mid-nearside dinette. All the windows, including in the kitchen, have both net and full curtains, as well as upholstered pelmets. For the cabinetry, the full timber look prevails. The interior is slightly on the dark side toward the front, but we believe future models will have an additional large hatch above the bed.

In vans of this length, splitting the kitchen bench is often a good way of obtaining a



decent kitchen area, that's exactly what La Vista has done. The rear bench includes both stainless steel sink avec drainer and microwave. The latter is mounted below bench level. That is an interesting change from the more conventional position in the overhead locker area. By our way of thinking, unless you have a particular problem bending over, the under-bench location is better from an OH&S point of view, and most people can see what's cooking!

The rest of this rear area is taken up by overhead lockers, two large and one small drawer, cupboards and a small slide-out pantry. In addition to the ceiling-mounted

fluorescent light, a slimline fluorescent illuminates the sink area.

On the other side of the bathroom, the rest of the kitchen bench area is fitted with a Stoves four-burner cooktop and grill. A cupboard separates that from the 121L fridge, which is mounted off the floor with a cupboard underneath. Above the cooktop are two overhead lockers and mounted in one of them is an AM/FM radio/DVD player.

Above the fridge, is the swivel arm-mounted flatscreen TV. It's designed to be easily seen from either the dinette or the bed. Closer by, in the ceiling, is the Winegard Antenna handle.



Clockwise from far left External fittings include A Camec triple-locker door, tinted acrylic hopper windows, and two wall lights, variable height shower and Thetford toilet in the bathroom, upholstered cushioning surrounds the head of the bed

Opposite the kitchen bench is the L-shaped dinette with a 4ft x 1ft 10in (1.2m x 0.6m) table. It's chamfered on all corners and contoured cushions are used for both the seat back and squab. Part of the under-seat wall storage area is taken up by the wheel arch, but the end of the L has a drawer fitted.

Bathrooms are generally relatively compact and this one is no different. There is room, though, to swing a short-tailed cat and it includes features such as a Thetford cassette toilet, corner wash basin and variable height shower rose, and a ventilation hatch.

caravans are becoming quite conventional these days and there are no surprises in the La Vista. The innerspring mattress, measuring 6ft 1in x 4ft 11in (1.9m x 1.5m) sits centre stage and is surrounded by a bedhead of overhead lockers, side wardrobes (with mirror doors), drawer and floor locker. The upholstered cushioning fitted around the head of the bed almost hides the narrow shelf under the bed behind the window - a useful feature that is becoming quite common.

Furniture at the foot of the bed consists of two half-height diagonal cupboards plus an overhead locker extension on the nearside. Halogen reading lights and an overhead fluorescent supply the illumination.

The La Vista has 240V powerpoints by each kitchen bench and bedside the flatscreen TV. If camping is a possibility, consider

THE BOTTOM LINE

Given La Vista is a relatively new manufacturer, we have to say that the Majorca is not a bad-looking unit at all, especially as it is a ready-to-go-touring van, with just about all the essentials fitted including hoses, power lead and full gas cylinders.

What's more, it's at a price that isn't going to break the bank, either for the van or the tow vehicle.



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EXTERNAL WIDTH: 7ft 9in (2.38m)
INTERIOR HEIGHT: 6ft 5in (1.95m)
ATM: 2340kg
TARE: 1940kg
CHASSIS: DuraGal
SUSPENSION: Tandem loadsharing leaf spring
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