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Rooted in  
Bavaria,  
at Home in  
the World.

#### WE LIVE IN AN AWE-INSPIRING WORLD

Every destination is unique — defined by its people, heritage and, of course, its geography.

The dry heat of the desert; coarse, archaic stone and dune landscapes characterised by their sparse flora and fauna...interacting with modern architecture, breathtaking skyscrapers, and a vibrant sub-culture inspired by art and tradition.

Your journey in a bimobil is a symphony of contrast, expectation, and challenge. You are the conductor and determine the tempo as you travel, explore, and experience this unique world of ours.

And the best part: wherever you are, you're never far from home in a bimobil.

*Stefan Christner*

*Sabine Rentsch*

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# More than 40 years of bimobil

## FAMILY, TRADITION AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

### BACKGROUND

In 1977, Raimund von Liebe, a mechanical engineer, registered a motorhome business which he ran with his wife, Veronika. Over the next four decades, the company established itself firmly in the market as it grew from year to year. In 2017, Raimund's nephew, Stefan Christner, took over the business and, together with his wife, Sabine Rentsch, continues the family tradition.

Today, bimobil employs around 80 personnel in production and administration and manufactures approximately 100 new motorhomes every year. We are not a large company, but rather a medium-sized enterprise with a team of skilled employees committed to building quality vehicles.

Our factory is equipped with state-of-the-art machines and tools. Our cabins and interiors are developed using CAD software, and many of the components are produced on CNC milling machines — precision processes which facilitate assembly and guarantee the highest levels of finish and durability.

### WHAT'S IN THE NAME

bimobil is not only a reference to the dual role a pickup truck plays as a transporter and motorhome, but also to our expertise and ongoing production of interchangeable cabins which have been a mainstay for our company from the beginning. We produce cabins with a self-centering mounting system for a variety of vehicles including the Ford Ranger, Toyota Hilux, Iveco Daily and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter.

Currently, interchangeable solutions for pickups account for one fifth of our motorhome production, whereas the bulk of our business has evolved and is geared toward permanent chassis mounted cabins.

### QUALITY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

Maintaining the highest levels of quality at each stage of bimobil's manufacturing process is our prime concern.

The fully insulated cabins are made using our own sandwich materials and are perfectly finished. The interior furnishings are crafted by our carpenters, and all installations are diligently designed and fitted.

bimobil has an unmistakable design concept: a clean exterior silhouette in either white or silver, offset with either subtle or extravagant decor incorporating the colour of the base vehicle. The interiors set themselves apart from the norm with light-coloured natural wood fascias and fabric or leather upholstery in attractive tones — homely and accommodating without any frills, plush or mundane grey.

Because bimobil's skilled constructors appreciate individuality, special requests or even complete custom-built vehicles are feasible.

### AFTER-SALES SERVICE

Before a customer takes delivery of their new bimobil, we invest time and effort to create their ideal motorhome. But driving away from our forecourt by no means implies we no longer care. On the contrary.

bimobil's customer service is far more than just shipping a spare part or performing a repair in the shortest time possible. We can help with accessories, provide tips and advice, and much more:

During our in-depth off-road driver training, you will learn what your new bimobil is capable of and be introduced to equipment which may prove useful on a future trip. Our tour partners will assist you throughout your first really big guided adventure, and every second year, we hold a meeting at a picturesque location where we invite you to join us and exchange ideas and experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you into our network of bimobil friends and owners.

# Craftsmanship



## TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP MEETS MOTORHOME INSPIRATION

bimobil was built upon a passion for travel and, just as it was from the outset, each vehicle is manufactured today with the same enthusiasm and attention to detail. As you might expect, our production facility is supported with state-of-the-art tools and CNC equipment to ensure we produce durable precision parts and assemblies.

However, no two vehicles are identical and customer requests are often unique. Furnishings in the living area are made to measure; walls in the bathroom are a flush, water-proof fit; the subframe harmonises perfectly with the floor of the cabin and the vehicle chassis; the gas, water and electrical installations are planned, tested and comprehensively installed; the upholstery is tailor-made. All on the company's premises in Aich, near Munich.

Building a motorhome capable of withstanding the rigours of travel, regardless of whether for a city tour or an arduous expedition, ultimately boils down to the craftsmanship of each of the skilled men and women who contribute to the final product.

We are proud of our qualified team of long-time employees who identify themselves with our company and your motorhome, and uphold the passion that has shaped bimobil into the business it is today.



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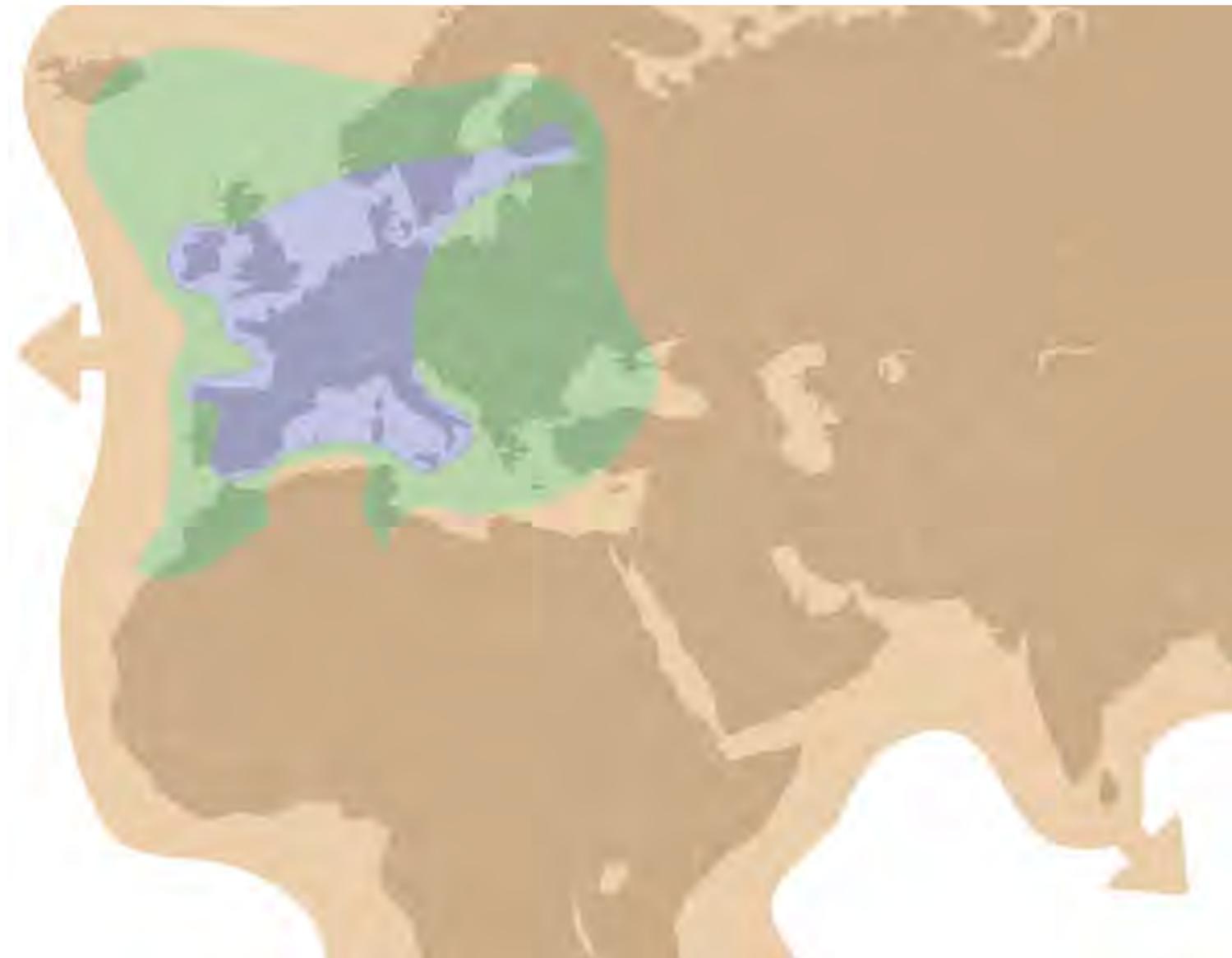
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MODELS



# URBAN

“TO TRAVEL IS TO LIVE”  
HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN



Unlike any other decision you may have to make in life, choosing a motorhome is very personal because it must harmonise with the owner's individual lifestyle.

If visits to the opera, city trips, camping sites, or other urban retreats are amongst your preferred destinations, then the comfortably equipped motorhomes in this category are ideal.

Generous storage space, connection to an external power supply, accommodating interiors complimented by a kitchen and bathroom...all this can be configured into the cabin.

Short excursions. Extended holidays. All seasons. For couples or the whole family.

# BIMOBIL LB 365

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter



How about a king-size bed? The most striking feature in the LB 365 are the two longitudinal beds in the alcove. Even though the beds are not actually individual, due to the additional mattress in the centre, you can still get up without waking the person sleeping next to you. The best prerequisite for restful sleep on holiday.

Our best-selling cabin layout since the mid 1990's guarantees high living standards: the separate shower room, adjacent to the bathroom, and large water tanks create a spa feeling; the kitchen with ample storage, the seating area in the back beckoning you to relax.

Chairs, sports equipment, and supplies disappear into the storage space in the double floor, and bicycles can be safely stowed in the garage.

Comfort and optimum use of space are just a few of the outstanding features of the LB 365.

## INTERIOR

All models are furnished with hanging cupboards, under-seat chests, and a wardrobe. In the kitchen, there are additional cupboards for pots, pans, cups, plates, and supplies. Knives, forks and spoons disappear into the cutlery drawer.

The bathroom is tastefully designed with plenty of space to stow toiletries. The furnishings are available in a range of colours and elegantly highlighted by quality chrome faucets, shower rail and towel holders.

# Travel Impressions

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# BIMOBIL HR 380

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter



The bimobil HR 380 is a motorhome for two persons based on the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter chassis: a solid platform with reassuring driving characteristics, optional automatic gearbox, and smooth engines — ideal for long journeys. The Sprinter can also be ordered with all-wheel drive and low ratios for improved traction on snow, sand and meadows.

Thanks to the typically stable cabin construction, the HR 380 is just as home on dusty tracks as it is on the highway. The spoiler on the roof of the cockpit leaves the impression of a semi-integrated motorhome even though it is in fact a robust and well-insulated bimobil cabin.

The HR 380 trumps with impressively compact exterior dimensions, barely larger than a transporter. Opening the entrance door, however, reveals generously dimensioned living quarters for two.

From the comfortable seating area at the back, you are afforded nearly 270° of view through the rear and two side windows. The kitchen is equipped to prepare hot or cold meals before washing up and stowing everything neatly away afterwards. The bathroom is spacious with an adjacent shower.

Finally, after a long day when weariness sets in, the ready-made, comfortable bed sinks gently from the ceiling at the flick of a switch.

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# Interior Furnishings



EX 366 | EX 368



HR 380



ST 702

# BIMOBIL BJ 383

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter DoubleCab



The bimobil BJ 383 motorhome — on tour with the whole family: the Sprinter's double cab offers comfortable seating for up to five persons, and the optional all-wheel drive allows you to venture further afield. The blend of an extremely reliable Mercedes-Benz Sprinter and a high-quality cabin from bimobil with its exceptional insulation, and you have a recipe for the ideal symbiosis for travelling with the whole family.

The large double bed in the alcove makes the perfect parents' bedroom, whereas the 195x63cm bunk beds in the rear are also big enough to comfortably accommodate an adult. The permissible gross weight of five tons allows for a generous payload without impairing the driving characteristics on or off road.

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# Interior Furnishings



EX 510



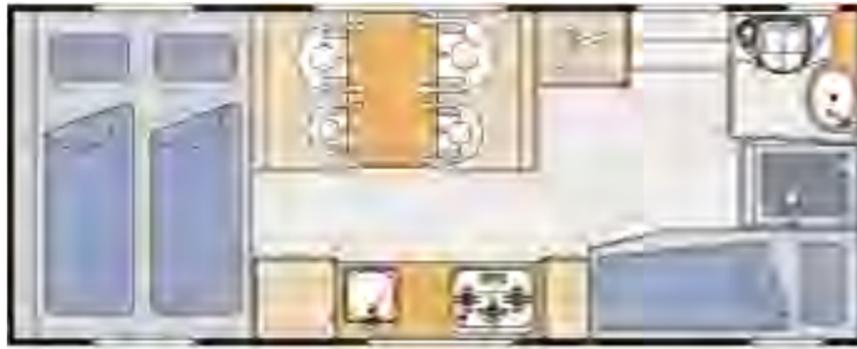
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# BIMOBIL HD 420

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter  
Iveco Daily



The HD 420 is a family vehicle based on either the Iveco Daily or Mercedes-Benz Sprinter — comfortable, spacious, with plenty of room for your belongings.

In addition to the large fixed double bed in the alcove, this family motorhome features two bunk beds in the rear, each with its own privacy curtain — ideal for staggered sleeping times. Each bunk also has its own 12V and 230V sockets for smartphones, tablets, etc. Beneath the lower bunk is a storage bay accessible from outside.

The dinette in the front comfortably seats four for a meal, to relax, or while driving. The optional panorama window opens next to the table and affords an amazing view of the surrounding area. The dinette can also be converted into a double bed.

The kitchen is directly opposite the dinette and is equipped with a three-flame stove, stainless steel sink, large fridge freezer, small gas oven, cupboards, and drawers.

The spacious bathroom is located in the back next to the bunk beds and equipped with an adjacent shower, basin and toilette.

The entire living space is built on a heated and insulated double floor, which not only protects the fresh and grey water tanks and valves from extreme temperatures, but also presents a huge storage space accessible via three large external hatches.

Clothes and other items can be tidied away into the wardrobe, hanging cupboards and under-seat chests.

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# Travel Impressions

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# BIMOBIL ST 702

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter  
Iveco Daily



Our largest model is charming and bright — a motorhome for large families, with cavernous storage space and a host of unusual details.

The floorplan provides a cosy seating area in the front which is big enough to even entertain guests. Four people can sit behind the driver and front passenger when travelling (forward facing seats are, of course, equipped with adjustable three-point safety belts).

Beds are distributed in the alcove and three bunks in the rear. The lower bunk can be raised to create a garage for bicycles.

But the ST 702 has even more quality features in store such as: the separate shower room adjacent to the bathroom and large water tanks create a spa feeling, and the kitchen provides the chef with plenty of cupboard space for ingredients and utensils.

The cavernous double floor swallows surfboards, camping chairs, tables, supplies, and much more. Comfort and the optimum use of space account for the top characteristics of this motorhome.

The vehicle platform, an Iveco Daily, has a powerful engine and, with its permissible gross weight of 6.5 tons, offers ample payload so that you can make best use of the storage space. Other important features include a strong chassis, sophisticated suspension, and a well-equipped cockpit.

The alternative platform, a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter, is also extremely robust and well assembled. The rear-wheel drive and twin tyres on the back axle and cultivated suspension are a certain recipe for good driving characteristics along country lanes.

The modern turbocharged diesel engines are powerful and economical.

When equipped with the optional four-wheel drive, you can go almost anywhere you want.

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# Special Features

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OPERATING PANEL FOR LUMICOIN  
PERIPHERY LIGHTING



230V ALTERNATOR



LUMICOIN INTERIOR LIGHTING

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ON-ROAD





## To bimobil and Beyond

HOW TRAVEL AND MOTORHOMES  
CHANGED OUR LIVES.

BY RAIMUND VON LIEBE  
AND VERONIKA MAISCH-LIEBE

As students, our yearning to explore the world was initially quenched when we converted a Volkswagen bus into a camper. Having never been particularly enamoured by the idea of booking a single destination holiday, we were in a position to travel further afield and choose where and when we wanted to stop.

The more we shared our experiences with like-minded people, the more aware we became of the growing trend toward motorhome travel. As a result, we founded bimobil von Liebe GmbH in 1977.

With time, we continued our world exploration in different bimobil vehicles. But our commitment to grow the business also meant that spending extended periods of time away from the company wasn't always feasible. As a compromise, we made short excursions into the Bavarian Forest — and this too proved to be educational and rewarding.

In 2017, Stefan Christner and Sabine Rentsch took over the reigns and gave us more time to follow our passion. With our new-found freedom, we began tracing our own tracks from the past by revisiting Greece, Portugal, and Scandinavia.

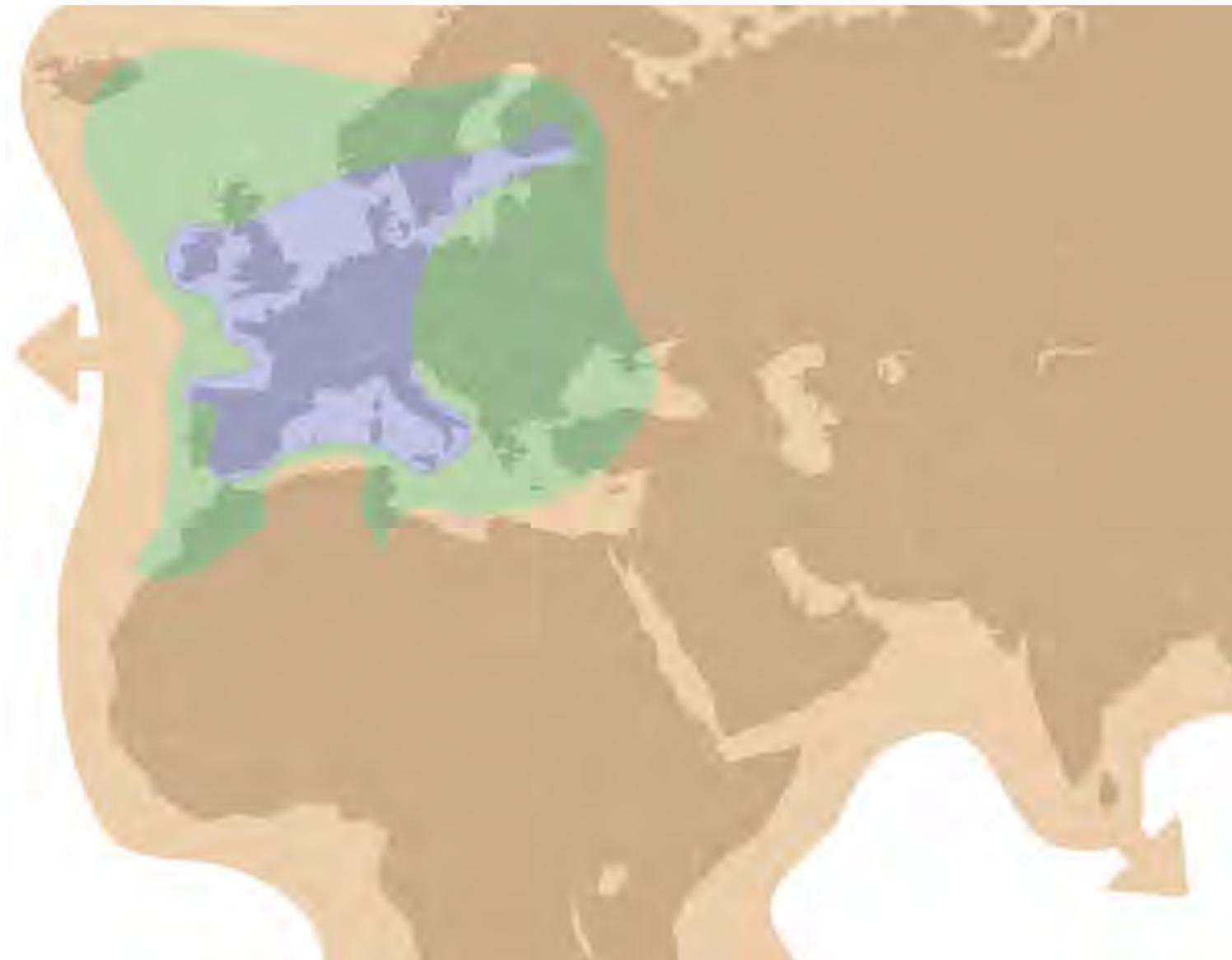
Now we let our hearts guide us as we plan new adventures.



# ADVENTURE

“BE FEARLESS IN THE PURSUIT OF  
WHAT SETS YOUR SOUL ON FIRE”

JENNIFER LEE



Adventure is a many-faceted word. Leaping out of an aeroplane, climbing a rock face, mountain biking, kitesurfing, skiing, or hiking, are all outdoor activities for which a suitably configured motorhome can serve as a basecamp.

Leaving the pavement to explore destinations away from the typical tourist routes and enjoy seclusion, is also an adventure. An adventure motorhome with all-wheel drive can take you to locations where an urban vehicle will struggle.

If you're looking for a degree of autonomy without foregoing creature comforts such as electricity for the home/office, a full-size shower, or the outdoor shower head to clean off sports equipment, then the accessories list in this category is going to satisfy your whims.

# BIMOBIL HUSKY 230

Ford Ranger DoubleCab 4x4  
Toyota Hilux DoubleCab 4x4



The husky 230 is a fully fledged and comfortable motorhome which uses the Ford Ranger or Toyota Hilux double cab as a platform. Each offer extra space for two or three passengers in the second row seats. Both the new Ford Ranger and Toyota Hilux are extremely reliable and resilient — ideal for carrying equally reliable and resilient living cabins.

The interiors of both vehicles are comfortable and spacious. Their four-wheel drive and stability control invite you to venture to locations off the beaten track.

The generous payload is well suited to use as a family motorhome. The cabin is typically bimobil, constructed from lightweight yet sturdy sandwich panels with excellent insulation properties. There are two interior layouts both sharing a 1.6 m wide alcove which stretches above the cockpit. Despite the floor of the cabin being dimensioned to fit the shorter pick-up bed of the double cab, the cleverly designed interior, including a shower, is ideal for up to four persons.

The configuration of the base vehicle must be agreed with bimobil, and needs to be registered prior to the conversion.

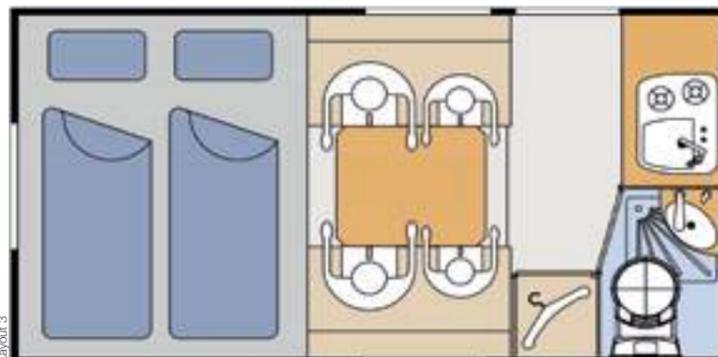
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Layout 2



Layout 3

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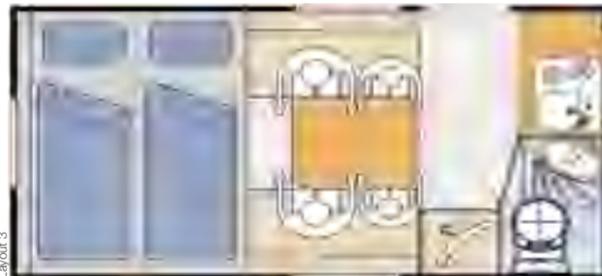


# BIMOBIL HUSKY 240

Ford Ranger ExtraCab 4x4  
Toyota Hilux ExtraCab 4x4



Layout 2



Layout 3



Layout 5

The husky 240 is based upon the Toyota Hilux and Ford Ranger extra cabs with two jump seats with seat belts in the second row.

Even if these seats are smaller than those in a double cab, they do have their benefits: you can take a couple of passengers on short journeys, you gain extra space in the cockpit which is good for taller drivers, and the extra space can be used for luggage or even the family pet. The second row is easily accessible via the extra door.

Fitted with the self-centering interchangeable system, you can set the cabin down and go shopping or on a day trip without losing your ideal spot at the camping site. Even in the basic version, both cars have an extremely comfortable and spacious cockpit. Thanks to the powerful engines, driving is dynamic and the all-wheel drive will get you to your favourite cove safely.

Due to the short rear overhang and the balanced weight distribution on both axles, this motorhome is comfortable to drive and live in. The excellent insulation is equally suited to travelling in the middle of winter as it is in the height of summer.

The ideal vehicle for couples who appreciate comfort and don't want to have to compromise on flexibility.

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# BIMOBIL HUSKY 270

Ford Ranger SingleCab 4x4  
Toyota Hilux SingleCab 4x4



Layout 4

The combination of Ford Ranger and husky 270 offers plenty of space in the cockpit when driving and in the cabin upon arrival. Tall people will appreciate the roomy cockpit and comfortable seating position.

Built upon a very solid ladder-frame chassis, the Ranger is ideal for carrying a cabin, and the driving characteristics are very reassuring. The optional selectable four-wheel drive will satisfy even the highest off-road expectations. The single cab makes room for an impressive loading bay which translates into a large floorspace in the cabin.

The new cabin layout 4 is specifically designed for two people travelling in comfort. Particular attention was paid to the large shower/toilet as well as a generously proportioned kitchen with a large-capacity refrigerator. The seating area offers ample space for two and can be extended with an additional board next to the door.

Our proven layout 3 with the seating area at the front is an alternative option.

Either with an interchangeable system offering versatility and flexibility or as a fixed unit. Each represents an attractive motorhome.

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# BIMOBIL LBX 365

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 4x4



If you are planning a world tour, your vehicle can be your home for several months at a stretch.

Our LBX is ideally suited to these conditions thanks to the beds in the alcove and the floorplan which provides plenty of room to move around, comfortable furnishings, and ample storage space. All in a compact package.

Even in its basic version, the LBX 365 is equipped with a host of useful details to make life even more pleasant during a long tour. Selectable four-wheel drive and low ratios offer improved traction and increased ground clearance, making it easier to travel along more challenging trails. The base vehicle is well accessorised including a fuel filter with water separator, a more powerful alternator, a battery switch, extra power socket, and a spare wheel.

The entry door and large panorama window at the rear are extremely sturdy and, in addition to the standard safety locks, fitted with espagnolette locks with locking points at the top and bottom.

In the living area, push locks make sure the doors and drawers remain securely closed, even in rougher terrain. An array of electronic equipment render this motorhome even more autonomous: the 210Ah domestic battery, a battery computer providing precise information concerning the status of the battery and the use of power. The powerful charger ensures the battery is quickly charged from a 230V source, and the booster helps keep it topped up from the alternator when driving.

The 200L fresh water tank is generously proportioned. An optional water supply comprises two canisters and a separate tap or a water filter system. This allows you to store (or treat) drinking water separately which is a big benefit when travelling in countries where the water quality is questionable.

The checker plate skirting is robust and complete with integrated storage boxes for tools, sand ladders, fuel canisters, etc.

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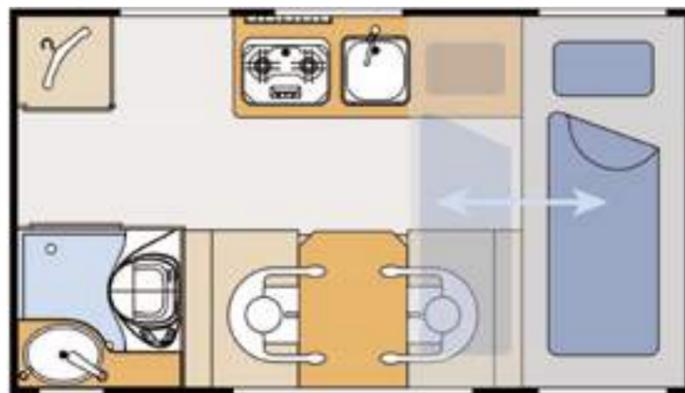
# Travel Impressions

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# BIMOBIL EX 366

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 4x4



The compact EX 366 on a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 4x4: narrow, low and light — a motorhome which can be easily navigated through small alleys and low tunnels.

An all-wheel drive vehicle in the 3.5 ton class with an attractive payload but without any speed restrictions. The bimobil cabin structure is fully insulated and ideal for two.

The single fixed bed in the rear features an intelligent slide-out which turns it into a generously dimensioned double bed.

The dinette can still be used even when the bed is fully extended.

Selectable all-wheel drive, low ratios for improved traction and increased ground clearance are an invitation to explore more challenging trails. The basic vehicle is well equipped and includes a fuel filter with water separator, more powerful alternator, battery switch, and an extra power socket.

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RUSSIA

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OFF-ROAD





## Adventuring the Russian Polar Region August 2019

BIMOBIL EXPERIENCES ALLRAD OSTEN — FROM SCANDINAVIA TO RUSSIA AND THE KOLA PENINSULA.

BY STEFAN CHRISTNER AND SABINE RENTSCH

When I answered the phone, Kostya Abert, our expedition tour guide (SeaBridge, Abenteuer Osten) introduced himself in his familiar enthusiastic manner and quickly came to the point of his call by asking if we were interested in joining the first of his latest tours, Allrad Osten. Sabine and I needed to take a moment to discuss if we could really extract ourselves from the company for six weeks. After all, the Caravan Salon was looming. Did we really want to put all the responsibility on our team? Just as quickly as our concerns began to escalate, so was our unanimous decision: five minutes later we accepted his invitation.

Talking to a number of customers led to similar responses, and suddenly, eleven out of the 22 vehicles in the group were bimobils — nine Iveco Daily 4x4, two of which were from 2019. Our partners Denis and Tanja Katzer also joined us in order to test their new Daily 4x4 EX 412 in preparation for their next adventure and to put the skills they learned during our latest off-road driving course into practice under real conditions.

Our first, less demanding challenge was to cover the 3,600 km to the Finnish-Russian border in five days. As we had learned on earlier trips, both our Iveco Daily 4x4 and ourselves were easily capable of eating up long stretches of highway at a time, so we kept our itinerary tight. All went to plan. Despite the time constraint, we still managed to stop in Stockholm and take in some of the nightlife. Only after the shops close can you amble through the quiet streets, immerse yourself in the city's special atmosphere, and begin to appreciate its heritage.

We were even able to take a moment as we crossed the polar circle for the first time.

Also joining us on this tour (and this was a first for Kostya, too) were no less than seven dogs. A predicament that would cost us an extra two days at the Russian border thanks to the customs office making a sudden change to rules. We made best use of the unexpected delay to prepare ourselves for what lay ahead and enjoy the midnight twilight.

We finally caught up with the rest of the group 200 km south of Murmansk, where the pace really picked up on the Kola Peninsula. Our Russian guide's optimistic claim that "we would be able to finish the next stage in four to five hours", turned into an exhausting two-day hack and a test for the vehicles like I haven't come across before: copious amounts of water from above and below, temperatures seldom exceeding single figures, and an endurance test for the drive train, cabin, installation, and chassis as we clambered over countless sleepers along a long since retired rail track.

The historically noteworthy Karelia spans an area close to 200,000 km<sup>2</sup> almost entirely inside the arctic circle, stretching from Lake Ladoga in the South to the arctic circle in the North and from the Barents Sea in the West to the White Sea in the East. Somewhere amidst this sparsely populated region runs the 700 km border between Finland and Russia. The landscape is dominated by more than 25,000 rivers and 60,000 lakes — a generous mix of water and forest as far as the eye can see. The Kola Peninsula lies on the Finnish border in Russia's Northwest.

Day one held a spectacular surprise in store for us: a giant brown bear crept by, no more than 30 m away from our truck. Our eyes met for the briefest of moments before he disappeared into the undergrowth. After that, droppings and paw prints were the only testimony to the bears' presence. I was disappointed not to have seen any wolves in the far north. Instead, our two wolfhounds filled in for the cameras.

Day two was more athletic: Kostya slipped off the sleepers and ended up parked at a precarious angle on the edge of the embankment. Thanks to salvage equipment and a winch, his truck was back on the straight and level after a good three hours and we could continue our journey.

We rewarded ourselves for our efforts by staying two nights at possibly the northernmost botanical garden in the world, in Kirowsk. They even keep orchids and cacti. The botanist gave us an interesting tour of the facility and explained





that their primary objective was to study how plants can adjust to the climatic and extraordinary light conditions.

South of Kirovsk the terrain gradually opened up and we drove through a high mountain valley. Valleys like this are usually set well apart from others and sometimes only accessible via a high ledge. Admiring the picturesque landscape, memories of Iceland and Norway's Hardanger Vidda (plateau) sprang to mind.

Leaving the Kirovsk Alps behind us, we travelled toward the White Sea on an easterly heading, where we found an ideal spot to camp directly on the waterfront, and let the evening ebb away after a group barbecue.

The following morning was dedicated to some cultural education when we visited one of the large wooden stave churches. It's hard to believe that these wooden structures were assembled without the use of a single nail or screw, and have withstood the ravages of time for centuries until now. However, in the absence of financial support, these structures of cultural heritage have gradually become subject to climatic

change and have made it onto the less prestigious list of endangered monuments.

Work hard, play hard: after the excursion into yesteryear, the boys were allowed to play in the sand — a headland between the sea and a river. Desert feeling galore!

Continuing along the White Sea, the next stage culminated in a visit to a private museum on the arctic circle, dedicated to the living conditions of the fishermen and pirates that used to live here. Again, we were fortunate to be able to set up camp on the coastline where the infectious spirit of a folklore group cheered us up and carried us away.

We stopped off on the way to Lake Onega to visit a monastery, another piece of world heritage, and a gulag. The tour was a revelation: our guide's cosmopolitan views, as he led us through the history of Stalin's gulags, was almost shameful for me as a German. "Our countries share a similar legacy — you had the concentration camps, we had the gulags. Together we must do all we can to prevent our tragic history from repeating itself."

On the way to Lake Onega the relation of off-road to density of stave churches changed significantly. Once arrived, we found ourselves at another romantic spot on the beach. On the way back, we even drove through the lake for several hundred metres.



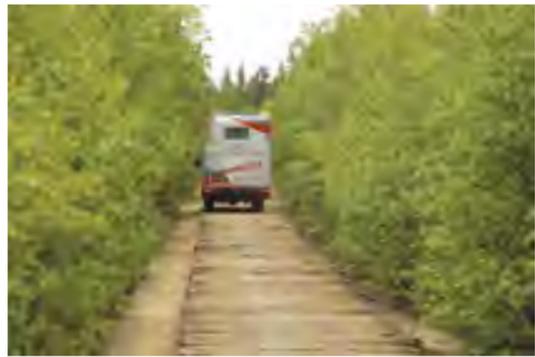
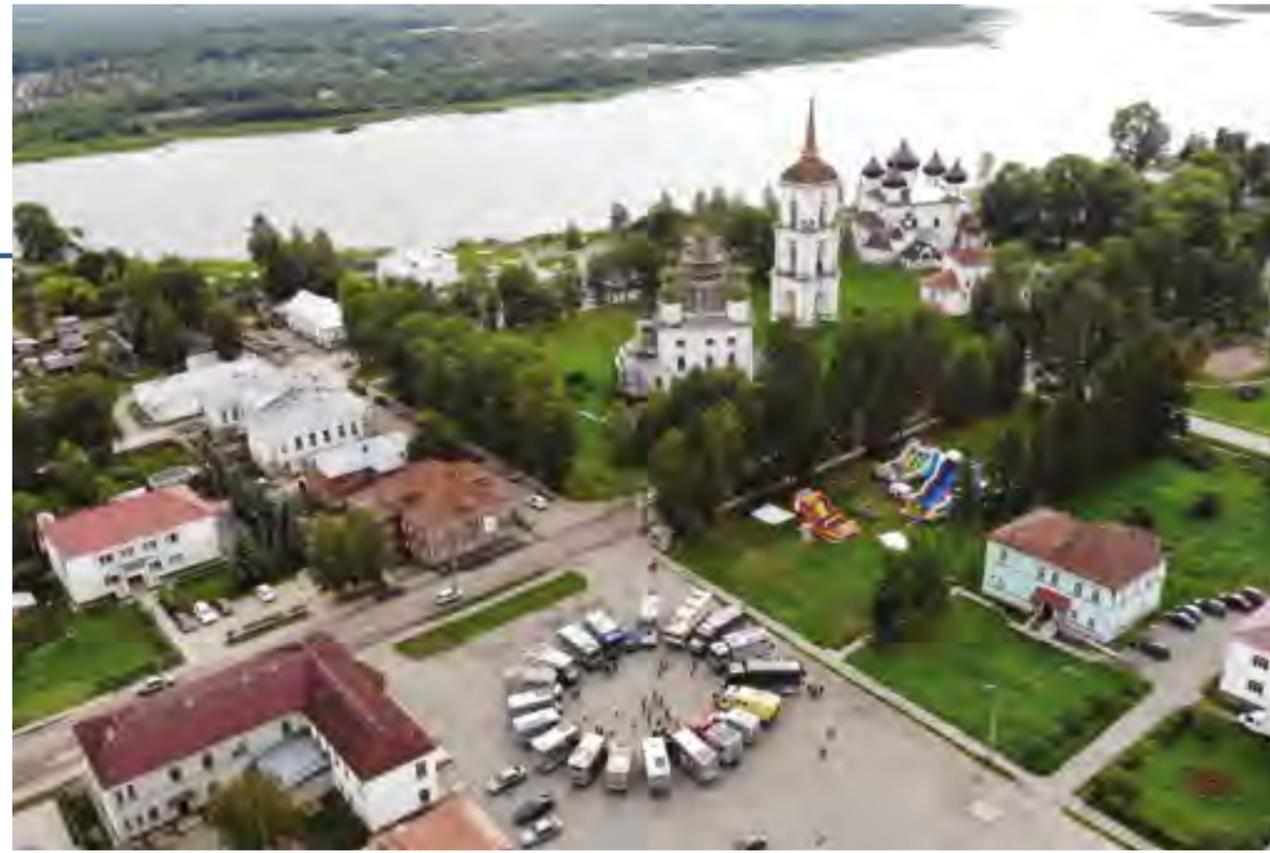
Before bidding our farewells to the group in St. Petersburg — we had to be back in time for the Caravan Salon in Düsseldorf — we visited Kargopol, an old industrial city on the banks of the Onega and only a few kilometres from Lake Latscha. Kargopol and the vicinity are famous for their medieval architecture and typical Northern Russian wood and stone churches.

To cap everything, we were permitted to park all our trucks in a circle on Lenin Square and take photographs. Imagine trying to do that in Germany!

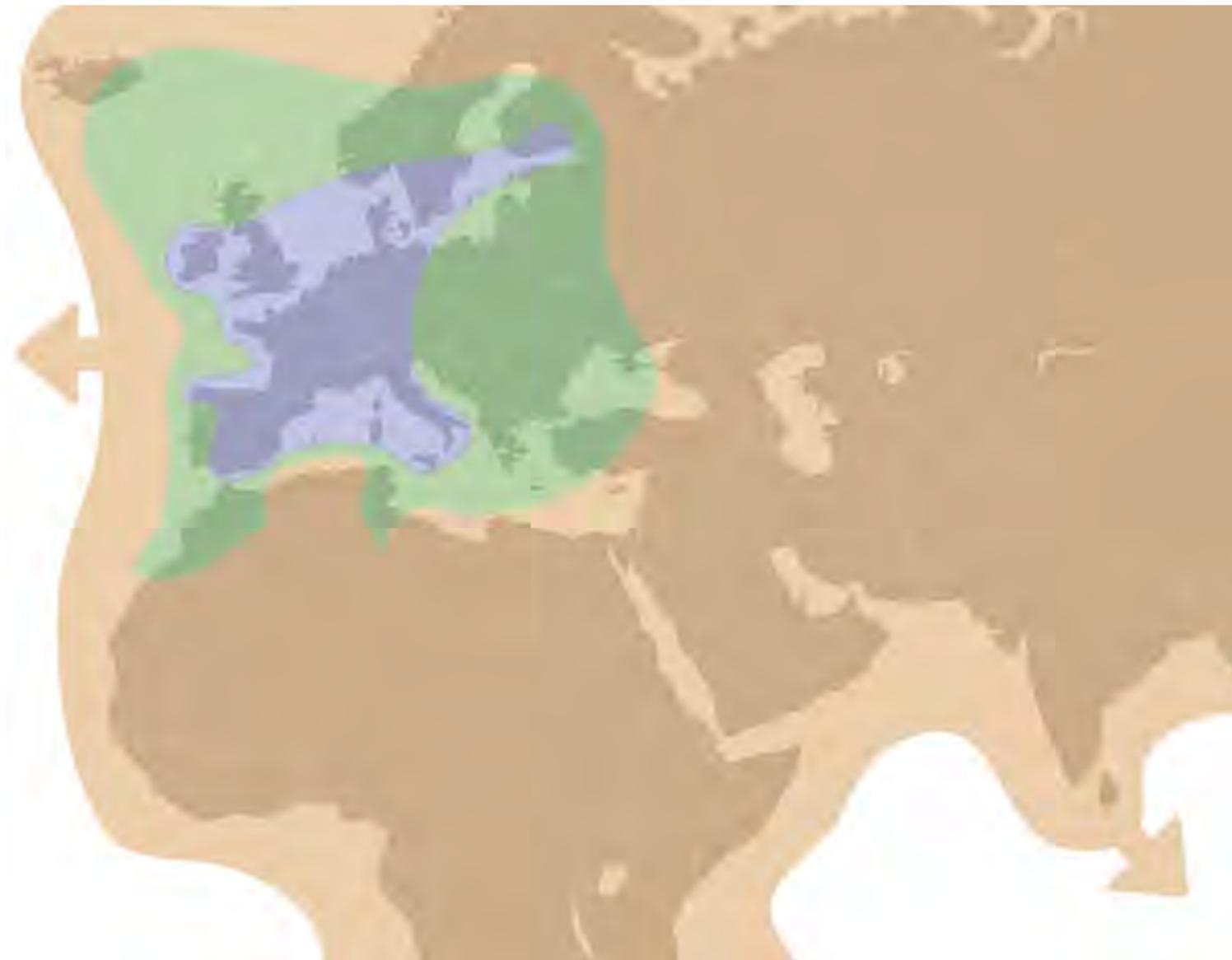
As another highlight, we managed to capture images of some risky looking bridges, and — yes, you guessed it — more churches and cloisters.

These four weeks were packed with culture, nature, breathtaking spots to camp, adventurous trails, amazing people — locals and participants alike. We, bimobil's directors, have experienced and learned a great deal. Would we choose to join another 4x4 tour in Russia? The decision would surely be felled equally as quickly as it was a for this adventure.





“THE WORLD IS A BOOK AND THOSE WHO  
DO NOT TRAVEL READ ONLY ONE PAGE”  
AGUSTINE OF HIPPO



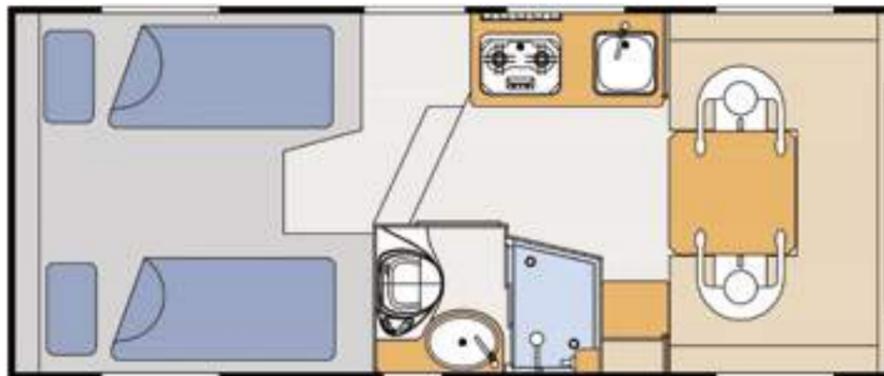
If your reason to travel includes exploring the world, the trails you travel are wind-swept, and driving around obstacles means expanding your horizons, then the journey itself is possibly more important than arriving.

Full autonomy. To venture anywhere and to pause wherever it takes your fancy. Across the deserts in North Africa, beyond the arctic circle, along the trails through Mongolia, following the Dalton Highway, or into Australia's outback — bimobil has been building expedition vehicles capable of overcoming the unexpected for explorers and overlanders since the end of the 70s.

To build a house properly, you have to start with a solid foundation. Today's expedition vehicles, sometimes lavishly equipped, incorporate not only the skills and expertise of our designers and production team, but also reflect the experience of long-term travellers (some of which was collected under adverse conditions). bimobil chooses to build upon chassis from Iveco, MAN, Mercedes-Benz and Unimog — not purely due to their robust off-road capabilities, but also because of their International service networks and spare parts availability.

# BIMOBIL EX 358

Iveco Daily 4x4



The EX 358 is a comfortable motorhome based upon the extremely capable off-road Iveco Daily 4x4 and just as well suited to long distance travel over extended periods of time as it is to weekend jaunts.

The attractive layout with comfortable longitudinal beds in the alcove, cosy seating area, and separate shower, offer the highest living standards, an abundance of comfort, copious storage, and plenty of room to move around. Technically, this vehicle is designed for long-distance travel: the entry door and large rear hatch are secured with additional locking points, the furniture doors and drawers are fitted with push locks to ensure they remain closed even in rough terrain.

The 210Ah domestic battery and 200L of fresh water contribute to autonomy.

The robust skirting is made of checker plate and incorporates storage boxes.

The Iveco Daily 4x4 has 132kW (180 BHP) / 430 Nm and three 100% differential locks (front, central and rear) which are useful under extreme circumstances. Transmission is linked to the modern 8-speed Hi-Matic gearbox, or the optional ZF 6-speed manual gearbox. The transfer box gear ratio is 1:2. Off-road is where the Iveco Daily really excels but even on the highway, it is still a very comfortable ride. The spacious cockpit is ergonomically well-designed and even includes hydraulically sprung seats.

## INTERIOR

All models are furnished with hanging cupboards, under-seat chests, and a wardrobe. In the kitchen, there are additional cupboards for pots, pans, cups, plates, and supplies. Knives, forks and spoons disappear into the cutlery drawer.

The bathroom is tastefully designed with plenty of space to stow toiletries. The furnishings are available in a range of colours and elegantly highlighted by quality chrome faucets, shower rail and towel holders.

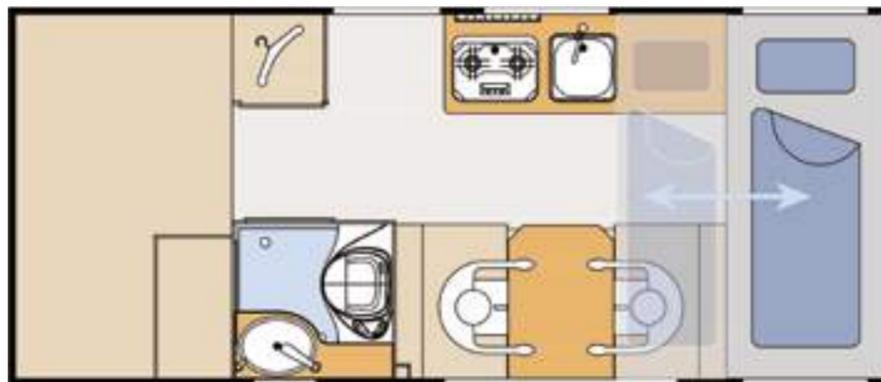
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# BIMOBIL EX 368

Iveco Daily 4x4



The sum of EX 368 cabin plus Iveco Daily 4x4 equals the perfect platform for two:

The EX 366 on Iveco Daily 4x4 is just as much a motorhome for the informed overland enthusiast as it is for the inquisitive with high expectations on quality. The cabin layout is based on the popular EX 366. This model combines excellent off-road capability with high living standards.

The maximum weight is 7,000 kg.

Despite its compact exterior dimensions, the EX 366 has a surprisingly spacious interior. The fixed single bed in the rear has a clever slide-out to turn it into a substantial double bed which doesn't stand in the way of the dinette being used. The kitchen and bathroom are spacious and offer plenty of storage space.

The Iveco Daily 4x4 possesses exceptional off-road characteristics whilst being a comfortable and compact motorhome ideally suited to long-term travel or short weekend excursions.

## INTERIOR

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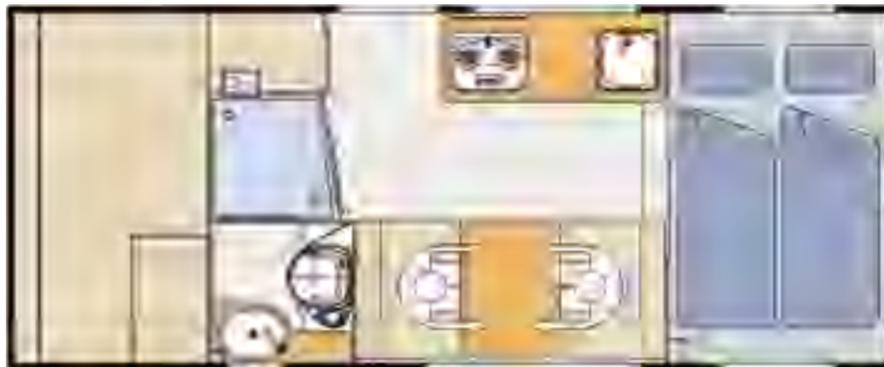
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# BIMOBIL EX 412

Iveco Daily 4x4



Adventurous globetrotters will find a combination of fantastic off-road capabilities and high levels of comfort in the bimobil EX 412.

The Iveco Daily 4x4 with permanent all-wheel drive is recognised as one of the best off-road vehicles in its class. The vehicle is equipped with 16 forward gears thanks to the selectable low ratios with a reduction of 1:2. With the right tyres, it will even climb surprisingly steep gradients. The enormous amount of suspension travel permits extreme axle articulation without lifting a wheel and almost makes driving on corrugated tracks a pleasure. Thanks to the three standard differential locks (front, centre and rear), you will still keep moving if a wheel should leave the ground, equally in mud, sand, snow or gravel, or if you need extra traction when salvaging another vehicle.

The robust bimobil cabin with its welded aluminium frame, aluminium outer skin, and solid interior furnishings, is designed to cope with the most technical terrain and will even withstand the extremest situations an Iveco Daily 4x4 can throw at it so that you can reliably rack up countless kilometres on a world trip.

Despite its compact exterior dimensions the EX 412 offers a surprisingly spacious interior and meets the expectations of the most discerning globetrotter: fixed double bed, separate shower, spacious kitchen, plenty of storage, and comfortable seating for yourselves and your guests.

## INTERIOR

All models are furnished with hanging cupboards, under-seat chests, and a wardrobe. In the kitchen, there are additional cupboards for pots, pans, cups, plates, and supplies. Knives, forks and spoons disappear into the cutlery drawer.

The bathroom is tastefully designed with plenty of space to stow toiletries. The furnishings are available in a range of colours and elegantly highlighted by quality chrome faucets, shower rail and towel holders.

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# BIMOBIL EX 420

Iveco Daily 4x4



The EX 420 is built upon the all-terrain Iveco Daily 4x4 and, thanks to the very spacious interior, is ideal for families in search of adventure travel around the globe.

The layout of the cabin includes a comfortable dinette at the front, two bunk beds in the rear, large alcove, well-configured kitchen, bathroom with separate shower, and copious storage between the double flooring.

Voluminous water tanks, large domestic battery, and a reliable modern on-board technology are a recipe for autonomous travel.

On the road, up to six passengers will find a seat in the cockpit and front seating area. A special highlight is the optional panorama window next to the dinette which opens up for a spectacular view.

In keeping with bimobil's standards, the EX 420 features the highest level of cabin construction: extremely robust and durable, excellent insulation, and the use of premium materials. The bright and friendly interior design and the cheerful bimobil fabrics and leathers lend the EX 420 its special charm.

Whereas the new daily with its 16 forward gears, two reverse, and three differential locks has remarkable off-road features and can easily overcome most obstacles, the solid body combined with a comfortable interior makes it feel more like an on-road vehicle, not least thanks to the 8-speed Hi-Matic gearbox. It is equipped with a powerful modern Diesel engine with 132kW (180 BHP) and 430 Nm of torque.

## INTERIOR

All models are furnished with hanging cupboards, under-seat chests, and a wardrobe. In the kitchen, there are additional cupboards for pots, pans, cups, plates, and supplies. Knives, forks and spoons disappear into the cutlery drawer.

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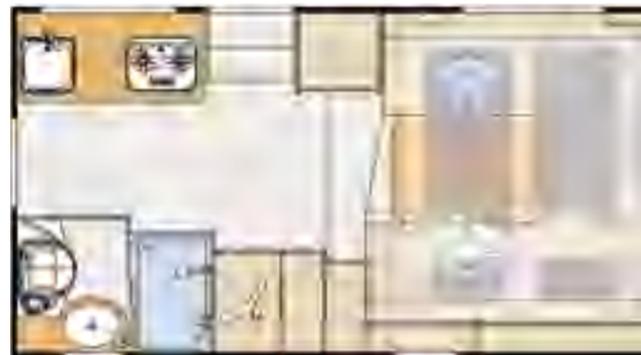
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# BIMOBIL EX 432 | 435

Mercedes-Benz Unimog 4032 4x4



The EX 432 / 435 based upon the Mercedes-Benz Unimog is almost unstoppable off-road.

No matter if you're faced with mud, sand, snow or loose rock, you will reach your destination in safety. The Mercedes-Benz Unimog's exceptional ground clearance provided by its portal axles is not in anyway infringed upon by the cabin or ancillary equipment. With all-wheel drive, differential locks, and the optional low-ratio gearbox, the Unimog can overcome even the toughest terrain.

The standard configuration of 8 forwards and 6 reverse gears can be upgraded with a low-ratio group of an additional 8 forwards and 8 reverse gears for low speeds. The powerful engine (170kW / 231 BHP) is economical, quiet, and particularly easy to maintain. The torsionally flexible chassis with 3-point mounting for the cockpit, engine and gearbox in combination with the suspension and its thrust tube technology, allow for extremely long spring travel and permit diagonal axle articulation of to 30°. The cabin is directly assembled onto the 3-point mounting points on the Unimog chassis so that the axle articulation isn't in any way impaired off-road but the cabin remains torsion-free.

Even though the bimobil cabin is exceptionally stable, it remains relatively light. The interior is also in a league of its own with its bright, friendly atmosphere and high-quality craftsmanship which is capable of withstanding heavy off-road rigours.

## INTERIOR

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# BIMOBIL LBX 434

Iveco Daily 4x4



The popular Iveco with its strong chassis is available with a gross weight of seven tons — which permits an enormous payload. The permanent four-wheel drive, three 100% differential locks, and selectable 1:2 low-ratio gearbox, make for a highly versatile vehicle in any terrain. The powerful engine with its 132kW (180 BHP) is paired to a refined 8-speed automatic gearbox for uncomplicated driving pleasure.

The special layout with longitudinal beds in the alcove, comfortable seating area in the back, and separate shower, provides high living standards, plenty of comfort, generous storage space, and room to move around. The technical equipment is predestined for long-distance travel: the solid entry door and rear panorama window are fitted with safety locks as well as espagnolette locks. Furniture doors are secured with push locks to make sure they stay closed regardless of the terrain.

Compared to the LBX 365, this cabin is even more spacious which is recognisable by the additional narrow cupboard next to the media cabinet.

The roomy Iveco cockpit is also comfortably equipped, including hydraulically sprung seats.

## INTERIOR

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# Special Features



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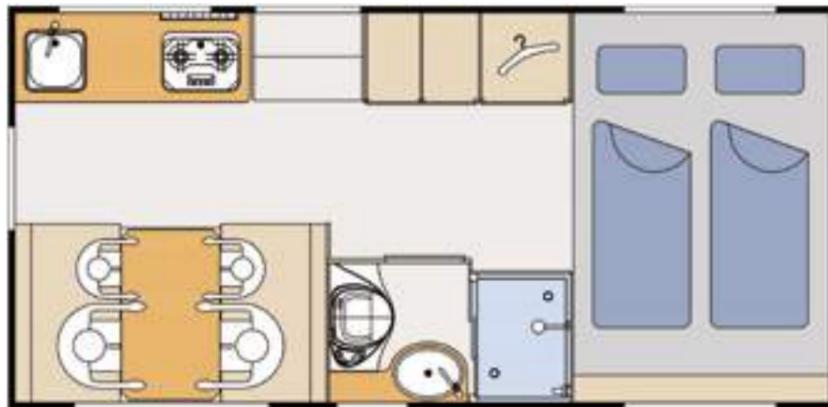
BICYCLE RACK AND SPARE-WHEEL CARRIER



DOMESTIC POWER SOURCE, CHARGED FROM  
THE 230V ALTERNATOR

# BIMOBIL EX 510

MAN TGM 13.290 4x4



The EX 510 is an off-road overland truck based upon the extremely reliable MAN TGM 13.290 4x4 BB with 213kW (290 BHP).

The vehicle has a modern, spacious and comfortably equipped cockpit with an additional bunk. Ergonomically positioned controls and plenty of storage space, including bottle and mug holders, are ideal for long-distance trips. The pneumatic, heated comfort seats with lumbar support are extremely comfortable for long stretches of on-road and off-road driving. The multifunctional steering wheel is the perfect interface between man and machine. You don't need to take your hands off the wheel to retrieve vehicle information via the display, receive telephone calls, or change the radio settings. The recipe for efficiency is based upon a proven engine, sophisticated components, and perfectly matched technology.

The cabin is mounted to the chassis using a strong sub-frame which is assembled solidly to the cabin and fixed to the chassis with eight elastic mounts. This permits heavy axle articulation off-road. At the rear, the underride protection can be swung upwards and out of the way to maintain the departure angle.

Equipped as it is, the EX 510 has excellent driving characteristics even in challenging terrain. The bimobil cabin is extremely sturdy, well insulated and epitomises our motto: all-wheel drive — all-weather ride.

## INTERIOR

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# 4 Paws on 4 Wheels



## TRAVELLING WITH PETS

The concept of travelling with dogs or other pets has been an integral part of bimobil's culture right from the outset. The key attribute being the safety and comfort of all passengers both during and after the journey.

Specially configured compartments provide everything from a water supply, air conditioning and panorama hatches so that your pet, or pets, are in no way excluded from family life even when away from home.

bimobil's directors, Stefan and Sabine, travel regularly with two wolfhounds in their Iveco Daily 4x4 EX 420 [see also their contribution about the Russian polar adventure on page 62] and are keen to explain the versatile concepts they have created as well as the suitability of different vehicles.



OFF-ROAD

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TRAINING



# Off-road Training

## FIT FOR THE BACKCOUNTRY?

Before you venture off-road for the first time in your new bimobil, or choose to leave civilisation in the rear-view mirror, we offer all our customers the opportunity to participate in our off-road training programme with your own all-wheel-drive bimobil, where experienced instructors will teach you how to cope with different terrain such as sand, mud, gradients, slopes, and ledges without damaging your vehicle. Under expert guidance, you will cross rocky hills, deep gullies, ravines, fords, and tight forests. Neither the vehicle nor the driver will at any point be pushed to the limit. On the contrary, you will be scrupulously introduced to the situation and its resolve.

Under realistic conditions our guests learn how to use a winch, how to salvage a stranded vehicle, and perform tyre repairs. We provide you with practical and theoretical knowledge, tips and tricks, how to prepare for off-road driving, how to load your vehicle safely, how to use differential locks, where and when to air down your tyres, to always drive extremely slowly through and over obstacles, how to read the terrain, why you should always wade through a ford on foot before driving, and, last but not least, how and why you should always steer into a fall.

It is important to know what this kind of vehicle is capable of, how to drive with the seat of your pants, and how all of this can prevent your expedition vehicle sinking into the next ditch or falling from a precipice.

Alongside theory and driver training, experts from pro-medi will teach you emergency medicine so that you can help others or yourself in remote areas.



# PARTNERS

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# Partners



## WHY ARE WE SUPPORTING TANJA AND DENIS KATZER ON THEIR BIG JOURNEY?

Not only because their long-term trip is happening in a bimobil, but because we think Denis and Tanja are living a fascinating combination of mobility and adventure.

We first met Denis and Tanja at the Abenteuer & Allrad off-road show in Bad Kissingen, Germany, when they were looking for a suitable vehicle for their extraordinary journey. We were fascinated by their passion for “Mother Earth”, their perseverance, and everything they had already experienced on their life journey. Together, they outlined their plans, wishes, and expectations in regard to their “ideal” adventure mobile and we exchanged different ideas. We immediately felt, we were on the same wavelength.

So, forget normal. We are really happy to be able to contribute with a bimobil to a stronger recollection, to taking things down a notch, to setting goals and making them happen. We are proud that a bimobil provides the perfect mobile basecamp for Denis’ and Tanja’s expatiated e-bike adventures, and that from now on they can extend their radius.

## TEAM PATCH-X

Archery is mostly an outdoor sport. Being an enthusiastic archer myself I like to spend the occasional day on the range to switch off and take a step back from the daily work routines.

When my wife and I retired after several decades of competitive judo, it seemed only logical to support a competitive archery team which also acts as an ambassador for this attractive outdoor sport. We initially chose Patch-X because we have a good relationship with the founder and the team members, and secondly, because they are professionals with team spirit.

We are proud of their success and always look forward to catching up with them when our paths cross at a competition.

*Stefan Christner*



