



TOWED AWAY: A caravan can open up the world.
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the home and generally suit families with kids as they can sleep separately from their parents," Yates says. "Caravans tend to be larger and more expensive, depending on the model you choose. "We find older couples tend to opt for caravans over camper trailers as they are easier to set up and provide

more onboard luxuries, such as shower and toilet facilities."

While hiring is another option, resale value on caravans, campers or motorhomes is exceptionally good. Often families invest in a van for a year of travel and then get most of their money back when they sell it. "Caravans hold some of the best

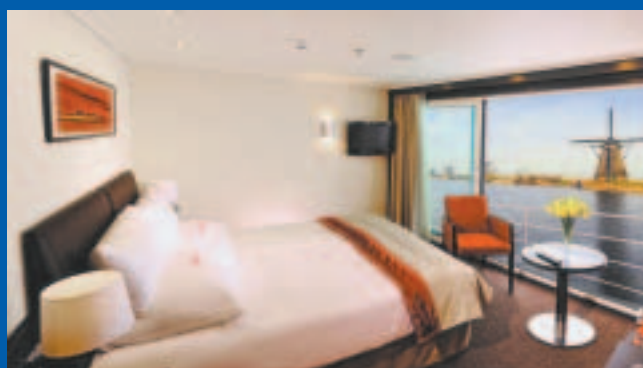
resale ratings in the tourism sector and, depending on usage and condition, resale prices can be really strong," Yates says.

Here are a few points to consider:
● Before heading off, book holiday parks you would like to visit because in the peak seasons, including Easter and Christmas, parks may be booked out.

● Do a comprehensive safety check and inspect tyres, lock down all cupboards and loose items, test your lights and make sure the caravan is secure. A full list of safety checks is available on the CRVA website, www.welovethiscountry.com.au.
● Remember to always get comprehensive insurance and buy

important accessories, such as widened mirrors or sway bars, if you require them.
● Try before you buy. If you're not sure if a caravan or a camper trailer is for you, rent one for a few weeks and see how it goes.
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