



Our fully self-contained 6-berth, 2015 Fiat Ducato 2.3 litre diesel JUCY Casa Plus, nicknamed Lucy Class, en route to Arthur's Pass with a storm brewing.

## A dream to operate

passes and down the length of the West Coast through snow, rain, gales and sunshine without the slightest whimper. She was a dream to drive and operate . . . apart from when we queried her ability to handle the Crown Range road. To appease her, we took the high road over the range that day and had a farewell lunch of Arrowtown pies beside the Arrow River, my childhood haunt.

After a week, you cannot help but develop an affectionate relationship with your home on wheels — especially an Italian one. A motorhome roadie has an intimacy that no other trip can even approximate. We were besotted with Lucy.

I understood with absolute clarity why people of a certain age sell their homes of a lifetime, buy or even build a Lucy-equivalent and begin new and simpler lives . . . as nomads.

### FACTBOX:

\* *Justine Tyerman travelled in a JUCY Casa Plus [www.jucy.co.nz/our-vehicles/motor-homes/casa-plus/](http://www.jucy.co.nz/our-vehicles/motor-homes/casa-plus/) courtesy of JUCY Rentals. [www.jucy.co.nz](http://www.jucy.co.nz)*

\* *Getting there: Air NZ flies direct from Auckland to Christchurch 17 times a day and Auckland to Queenstown 19 times a day. A JUCY shuttle collects you from the airport and takes you to their nearby depot.*

\* *JUCY's Ski4Free deal gives you free skiing at Treble Cone near Wanaka.*



The view from our kitchen window one morning — the Southern Alps from Franz Josef.



Chris cooking in Lucy's flash kitchen with the bathroom and one of three sleeping areas in the background.



Lucy and Justine at Glendhu Bay, Lake Wanaka. Even with snow all around, the motorhome was cosy and warm thanks to gas, battery and mains power heating.