



## Don't Skip This One! Unusual, Updated 2014 Roadtrek CS Adventurous

### Description --

This Roadtrek CS Adventurous/Mercedes Sprinter is a top-of-the-line 2014 model. We bought it in 2020, at the onset of Covid, to provide leisure getaways while avoiding motel stays and intimate contact with people. We chose it because it clearly had been treated tenderly and used very little. We also are inclined to give the things we own prompt and thorough maintenance and tender loving care, as well as up-to-date improvements, hence this RV is better than the day we bought it.

As for the Sprinter vehicle, at 63K miles it is still early in its expected life, it's a Mercedes Sprinter, after all. This is a truly a heavy duty "truck" with its dual rear wheels, 22+ ft length, and highly regarded turbo-diesel engine. Awhile ago we drove it in 50 mph crosswinds across Texas and Oklahoma, and it was stable as a rock. The 'Mercedes-comfortable' captain's chairs, and the ballpark-sized windshield, providing a panoramic vista of the scenic views around you, make this the most comfortable touring vehicle I have driven.

What's more important to safety than tires? This vehicle is riding on six top-rated Michelin Agilis Crossclimate LT215/86R16 all brand new in August 2022.

Think automotive safety systems weren't well developed in 2014? This Mercedes vehicle has: Rear video camera, fully operational lane departure sensing/alarm, side proximity sensing/alarm, imminent collision detection, as well as rain-sensing automatic windshield wipers.

To enhance the driving pleasure (and safety), I replaced the original entertainment unit with a 10" computer tablet, bringing it every bit up to the level of the latest navigation/entertainment displays. It will run navigation software natively, not requiring you to attach your phone. Included is a permanently mounted Sure Call cell signal booster. (So, if you provide cellular service and a cellular modem, you will have a 24/7 internal WiFi signal for tv streaming and whatever electronic devices you want to bring.)

Roadtrek has always been known for the quality of its interiors, and this one is no exception. Take the natural cherry wood cabinets, with their metal-glide mounted drawers, that still work as good as new. This RV will boondock for three days, and then the limitation is re-filling the fresh water and emptying the waste tanks. Electrically/propane-wise you could go much longer. Consider that battery charging is supported by: the 240 watt solar panel all the time, shore power when you are plugged in, dedicated 280A under-hood generator when you are driving, and 2.5 KW propane generator as a last resort (we have never had to use the latter). The gel batteries are top-of-the-line. No, they are not lithium, but they are so reliable and maintenance free I have not felt any urge to change them out. (And, unlike lithium, they do not slow down at low temperatures.)

The kitchen appliances are first class: The compressor-driven marine refrigerator draws less than 7A; it will run 24/7 indefinitely on solar panel power alone. (And, it is not affected by non-level campsites.) The stove is electric induction,

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meaning it's glass surface does not get burning hot. The microwave provides convection (i.e. hot like a real oven) cooking when you need it. The hot water heater is integral to the hydronic cabin heater/furnace, which runs on either propane or electricity. It provides floor heating as well (that's a great feel when you get out of bed on a cold night/morning.) This heating unit is brand new, being upgraded to an Alde 3020 model in 2023.

If you happen to like to take your cat with you, this is definitely the RV for you! Optionally (instead of the third captain's chair), there is a custom-made cabinet that contains an enclosed litter box behind a cat door, on top is a removable cage with soft net sides where the cat rides, able to see out the windows. Our cat is transfixed by whatever is happening outside. The top of the cabinet serves as an additional table, ideal for passing items out of the door. OR, with the cage removed it is a seat. If you don't travel with a cat, or just don't want this option, I will re-install the original captain's chair for you.



Better yet for the safety of your on-board pet: The RV Whisper monitoring system transmits (assuming you have implemented full a time cellular modem/internet connection) to your cell phone the van internal temperature, battery voltages and AC status. Alarms will send you text messages if anything exceeds your own preset limits.

Here's the best testament for this RV: I'm really going to miss it. I finally have it to the point where it needs nothing else, it's just a pleasure to drive and camp in. But, at 82 years young, and more relaxed post-Covid, my wife and I have decided it's time to do other forms of travel and leisure. And now I just want it to find it a good home, with someone who will appreciate it.



*Interior floorplan of CS Adventurous during the daytime*



*Interior floorplan of CS Adventurous during the evening*

## Features List--

- 1) Vehicle – 2014 Mercedes Sprinter
  - a) Model
    - i) Mercedes Sprinter 3500 XL
    - ii) Dimensions: Length-22'9"/Width-6'8"/Wheelbase-170"/
    - iii) 63,099 miles
  - b) Main features
    - i) Diesel engine: 3.0L CRD V6 turbo diesel
    - ii) Dual rear wheels
    - iii) Towing capacity: 7000 lbs
    - iv) Automatic rain-sensing windshield wipers
    - v) New (much clearer) rear view camera
  - c) Safety
    - i) Lane-departure monitor/alarm
    - ii) Blind-spot monitor/alarm
    - iii) Forward-collision warning
  - d) Upgraded navigation system
    - i) 10" screen
    - ii) Android tablet – apps (e.g. maps, music streaming, podcasts) run natively, no cell phone connection required (requires cellular modem or hotspot connection within vehicle)
    - iii) Sure Call cellular signal booster
- 2) Camper conversion – 2014 Roadtrek CS Adventurous
  - a) Original Features
    - i) Sleeping
      - (1) King size bed: 69"Wx78"L
      - (2) Converts to sofa and side seats.
      - (3) Rear table available when in sofa position
    - ii) Cooking
      - (1) Convection microwave: 1800W convection + 1000W microwave
      - (2) Stove: induction cooktop
      - (3) Refrigerator: electric, compressor driven, 12V/120V
    - iii) Heat: hydronic propane/electric (in-floor heat) [New unit July 2023]
    - iv) Sanitary
      - (1) Tank sizes: Fresh-33 gal/Black-10 gal/Gray-21 gal
      - (2) Macerator
    - v) Electric conversion
      - (1) Solar panel: 240W panel on roof
      - (2) House batteries: 8 – 6v AGM (7200W)
      - (3) Invertor: 3000W
      - (4) 280A under-hood RV generator (charges house batteries as you drive.)
      - (5) Propane generator: 2.5KW
    - vi) AC: 11,000 BTU
    - vii) Awning, power driven

- b) Repairs/replacements
  - i) Tires: New Michelin Agilis Crossclimate LT215/86R16 tires (6) in August 2022
  - ii) Heat: New Alde 3020HE hydronic system (heat + hot water)in July 2023
  - iii) Water pump: New 2023
- c) Upgrades
  - i) Cell signal booster
  - ii) RV Whisperer RV monitor system
    - (1) Temperature monitors (cabin front, cabin rear, refrigerator)
    - (2) Battery monitor
    - (3) Cell phone alerts via WiFi/Cellular connection
  - iii) Tire pressure monitor
  - iv) OPTIONAL: Cat tower/extra storage cabinet
    - (1) Replaces third captain's chair. (Captain's chair still available if you prefer.)





