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FEATURE OF THE MONTH: To the Mountains & Back- *Technology Anywhere*

Meet Ceri, Will and Piglet - or you might know them as, To the Mountains and Back. This family of three has been living and traveling through Europe in their fully renovated, tech smart sprinter van since 2019. Will is CEO of UK company, Intrinsic Dev, www.intrinsicdev.com, which writes drivers and profiles for smart home systems, as well as providing Savant Training in the UK.

The van features an amazing array of technology for power management, home cinema, music, lighting, security and battery monitoring all controlled by a Savant System.

Living and traveling through Europe in a decked-out sprinter van sounds like a dream, but for Ceri and Will that dream had to include technology, reliable Wi-Fi and security. Why was Savant the right choice for this luxury explorer on wheels? We checked in with Ceri and Will to get the details.

The primary reason they choose Savant was aesthetics. Van living space is very limited, precisely (4.3m x 2m) so there isn't space for over- complicated technology. "The clean, modern interface of Savant is easy to use and looks customized in the different spaces in the van," said Ceri. In addition to the touchscreen, they also have a Savant Pro Remote that controls their mini home cinema, music and lighting. An added bonus for using Savant, meant they could use nicer lighting switches, instead of the standard 12v RV options. They choose Italian designed Vimar light switches in copper to match the detailing in the van, which integrate seamlessly into the Savant system.

The second reason they choice Savant was security. They have a Savant system in their home in the UK, so they can easily access and monitor their home while travelling. Additionally, integrated security cameras throughout the van allow them to check on the van remotely to ensure that their home on wheels is safe and secure. Last summer, they were parked overnight near a castle in Slovakia and woke up to an extremely loud noise and the van shaking from side to side. Quickly they went to the camera view on their touchscreen to discover a helicopter was landing right next to the van, picking up building supplies for the castle.

Next up, is power management. The van primarily functions off-grid, and they rely on solar to charge the van batteries. In winter months, solar is hard to come by so they turn their devices off to conserve battery power. The Savant system enables Ceri and Will to enjoy a day of skiing and still monitor power levels and turn off devices if the battery is getting low and solar panels are covered in snow!

Finally, they choose Savant to adapt with the limited available space. With two adults and a dog in such a small area, it can feel a little crowded. Being able to control things from your phone, touchscreen, and remote means you're not getting in the way if one person is trying to cook or someone is on a zoom meeting!

Other added benefits of having Savant integrated into their sprinter van is climate control. When they are out exploring, they can easily monitor the temperature of the van, then remotely open up the roof fans to cool the space down for when they arrive home.

Ceri and Will's tech-savvy sprinter van combines elegant, green design with superior technology to deliver the ultimate adventure living experience. We encourage you to follow along with their journey at <https://www.tothemountainsandback.com/van-life-tech/>.