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1959 Spartan Imperial Mansion

Lot sold

USD 0

Location



Scottsdale, 22 January

Description

- Rare vintage travel trailer; 47 feet in length
- Full interior renovation in 2018; exterior polish in November of 2020
- Stone bathroom flooring, new wood walls and ceilings, antique light fixtures, and new foam insulation
- Custom walnut cabinetry, walnut slab countertop, and soaking tub
- Dornbracht kitchen, bath, and sink fixtures
- New wheels and tires installed in November 2020

The Spartan Trailer Company was launched by wealthy industrialist J. Paul Getty. He converted the Spartan Aircraft factory in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to build high-end travel trailers for wealthy clients. They soon earned a reputation as the “Cadillac” of the industry, and their price tags—often as much as the cost of a small conventional house—reflected the quality of their materials and construction.

This 1959 Spartan Imperial Mansion offered here is a one-bedroom, tandem-axle unit representing the mid-range of the Spartan catalog. When new, this aluminum-skinned, 47-foot long trailer cost \$6,982 USD—more than half of the US median house price. Now presented wearing a freshly polished exterior and full interior renovation, this attractive and top-of-the-line midcentury trailer is sure to be the envy of any campground.

Perched upon a new set of wheels and tires installed November 2020, this Imperial Mansion is furnished with custom walnut cabinetry and countertops, stone bathroom flooring, midcentury lighting, a soaking tub, and Haier washer/dryer; a full suite of Dornbracht fixtures adorn the kitchen, bath, and sink. The living area features a period-style day bed, dining table, and Eames rocker; the entire cabin is well lit and features beautiful midcentury decorative touches. The sleek and modern renovation also supplied this trailer with new foam insulation fronted by wood walls and ceiling panels, while a Nest system governs the onboard heating and air conditioning systems. To view this

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