A lot of experts will tell you that we owe the invention of the camper van to the 1950s, but that just didn't seem like a very long time ago to us. We couldn't just sit with the idea that the camper van appeared one day or that the concept just suddenly popped into someone's head without any prior thought. Dr William Stables, a Scottish medic with a serious case of wanderlust, commissioned the very first touring caravan.