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Spanish Treasure

Discover Touring takes a first look at Benimar's new family motorhome, the Tessoro 413



ince Spanish motorhome manufacturer Benimar introduced its new Fiat-based Mileo range of 'vans into the UK in 2015, it has become one of the most popular brands on the market. Now Benimar has introduced a brand new coachbuilt motorhome, the Tessoro, this time based upon a Ford chassis. There are five layouts from which to choose, all 4-berth with the exception of the 5-berth Tessoro 413.

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Exterior

Take a first glance at the Tessoro 413 and you've a stylish low-profile 'van that's great for extended touring. The cab is metallic silvergrey while sleek decals bring cab and body together. To the rear of the 'van, on either side, is a large door to access a vast internal storage space – large enough for a bike. That said, it's possible to attach a cycle carrier to the back of the motorhome.

There's a rear-view observation camera attached as standard, a real help when reversing, while the vehicle has ABS, ESC, Hill Start Assist and cruise control, perfect for

taking long journeys across Europe. It should be noted that the entrance door to the motorhome body is on the offside, an added bonus if your intention is to tour overseas much of the time.

Living & Sleeping

For day use, the cab seats swivel to match with a very comfortable L-shaped sofa and, on the offside, a bench sofa that, combined, provide seating for at least six people around the central, pivoting gloss-white table.

At night, the lounge area can be made into a single bed but the focus is on the drop-down roof bed above that sleeps two. At the rear of the motorhome are two bunk beds of a good width, making them ideal for teenagers as well as younger children; kids will love their own 'den' space.

Kitchen

In the centre of the 'van, the L-shaped kitchen includes a small stainless steel sink with a cupboard beneath, a three-burner hob, half-height combination oven/grill and a 140-litre slimline fridge with a very good-sized pull-out bottle compartment.

We particularly like the utilisation of a narrow floor to ceiling space as a slide-out larder with sufficient height between the shelving for stowing bottles and cereal boxes.

Washroom

Opposite the kitchen is the washroom with toilet and hand-basin and, separate, a goodsize contemporary-looking shower. With darkened 'glass' and a concertina door, the appearance is modish and classy while actually being practical.

Storage

All designated areas – washroom, kitchen and living area have good, proportionate storage space plus there's a full-height wardrobe. But the greatest asset is the rear 'garage' area beneath the bunks. With access from both sides and particularly tall doors, this is one of the best uses of storage space we've seen in an entry-level motorhome.

Final Say...

Quite often simple is best and the design of the Tessoro 413 is exactly that – simple. The space is well designed and works for families without having to compromise, even with five people in the 'van. Families will have a lot of fun touring with Benimar's Tessoro 413.

⇒ Technical Specifications:

Base vehicle chassis: Ford Euro 6 AdBlue 2.01

Mass in Running Order (MIRO)	:3,000kg
MTPLM:	3,500kg
Max Payload:	500kg
Exterior Length:	
Body width:	2.30m
Height:	2.89m
Berths:	5
Designated travel seats:	5
Cost:	£47.386 OTR

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