

Benimar Primero 283

Reduced spec, reduced prices – plus a new rear lounge layout



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BASE VEHICLE Fiat Ducato

PRICE FROM £45,995

BERTHS 2+1

TRAVEL SEATS 4

LENGTH 5.99m

WIDTH 2.30m

HEIGHT 2.89m

GROSS WEIGHT 3,500kg
(3,650kg option)

PAYLOAD 870kg



PPRIMERO is a new range for 2019. It takes three existing layouts from the more expensive Mileo – plus this 283 floorplan – and becomes entry-level for the Spanish brand.

The Primero 202 and 283 are the low-profile options, with the former being an end kitchen design with a drop-down bed over its large front lounge as the main sleeping quarters. Then there's a pair of overcab motorhomes, too – the 301 with a rear transverse fixed bed and the 331 with its lengthways French bed format.

The most interesting Primero, though, is this new 283 – and it's a layout that is also being introduced in the Mileo line-up, too. The extra

spec – on the base vehicle and in the living area – pushes the price up to £51,995.

But, while you'll spot the Primero's black front bumper, simpler rear exterior styling, lack of alloy wheels and the original Fiat van upholstery on the cab seats straight away, there is still plenty of spec here. The cab comes with a DAB radio, air-con, cruise control, a passenger airbag and Traction+. There's a big overcab sunroof, too. Under the bonnet is the 130bhp Euro VI diesel engine, rather than the Mileo's 150bhp motor, but the lesser unit should be more than adequate. Less kit means less weight and all Primeros are under six metres in length.

Into that compact body, Benimar has fitted a twin-lounge layout. Up front, the cab seats swivel to face a half-dinette bench – so there are four travel seats. A coffee table here takes up less space than the usual, larger wall-hung tabletop. But it's at the rear that you'll find the main lounge – which also converts into the main bed, a transverse double. It's not the largest of lounges but it's cosy for two and, thanks to a fold-away nearside sofa and two exterior hatches, the area can be converted into a loadbay.

Centrally sited are a semi-separate shower and a well-planned kitchen with a combined oven/grill but no microwave.