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MEETING MARQUIS'S NEW FRENCH FOUR

The UK's biggest caravan and motorhome dealer is bringing a quartet of *fantastique* La Mancelle models to our shores. *Practical Caravan* takes an exclusive first look

YOU'RE SURE TO KNOW about Marquis Leisure – the UK's biggest leisure vehicle dealer has 13 branches across the UK and a wealth of experience in finding models that the British buyer will love.

But you're less likely to be familiar with La Mancelle. It's owned by French giant Trigano – as is Marquis – and was born in 1960, in the historic city of Le Mans.

Over the past 63 years, La Mancelle has fine-tuned its caravan manufacturing and these days, continues to pride itself on producing beautifully built leisure vehicles that are elegantly fitted out in high-quality materials. The fixtures in La Mancelle's caravans look and feel solid and refined.

Late last year, Marquis took the decision to import a range of La Mancelle caravans to our shores; the initial models have now arrived in Britain and are available to view at three Marquis branches (Surrey, Exeter and South Yorkshire).

Four models are currently available, all of which are single axle – two in the high-end Liberty line-up (the 490 SA and the 440 PC), and two in the mid-range Fantaisy offering (360 CL and 440 CL).

Practical Caravan visited Marquis's Surrey branch – where the new tourers will be displayed in the indoor showroom – to take an exclusive look at three of the four La Mancelle models.

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Who is La Mancelle?

La Mancelle was founded by André Devaux in 1960, in the heart of historic Le Mans, in France's Pays de la Loire.

The Pékina lightweight and compact caravan was launched in 1977, with the modern Isline following in 1997.

La Mancelle Caravans was acquired by the mighty pan-European Trigano Group in 2000.

More ranges were added over the following two decades, including Elegance (2014), Excellence (2015),

Liberty (2016) and L'Escale (2018). Today, La Mancelle produces three ranges: Fantaisy, Liberty and Excellence.

Four models, two each from the Fantaisy and Liberty ranges, are being brought to the UK by Marquis Leisure, all offering a high level of specification and a top-quality build.

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La Mancelle Fantaisy 360 CL

Price £27,995*

Berths 3

Overall length 5.53m (18' 2")

Overall width 2.05m (6' 9")

Overall height (exc TV aerial) 2.58m (8' 6")

MTPLM 1420kg

Max user payload 442kg

The smaller of the two Fantaisy models, the 360 CL, is a three-berth featuring a transverse bed at the rear.

Beneath this lies masses of storage space – perfect for stashing lighter items of kit on tour.

The roomy lounge makes up into another bed. During the day, there's plenty of space here to relax and dine. The kitchen has an oven/grill, as well as a two-burner hob. The washroom is located just opposite the kitchen.



*All prices exclude delivery charge of £995 (including VAT)



La Mancelle Liberty 490 SA

Price £39,995*

Berths 4

Overall length 6.71m (22' 0")

Overall width 2.25m (7' 5")

Overall height (exc TV aerial)
2.58m (8' 6")

MTPLM 1800kg

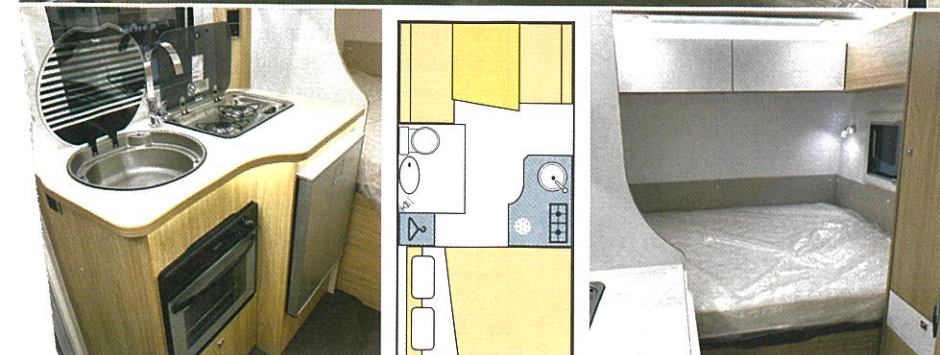
Max user payload 365kg

Heading up the range is the Liberty, with a distinctively modern front profile. The wood-effect graphics look smart, too.

Inside you'll find a semicircular lounge with deep, comfortable sofas and a table that can be moved in all directions. This is a light, bright area, thanks to the front and side windows. At night, it easily makes up into a comfortable double bed.

The washroom has a swing-wall shower unit, which transforms into a dedicated cubicle. The kitchen has a full oven/grill and a hob with a trio of ring-burners.

At the rear of the van is a spacious and comfortable island double bed, along with plenty of well-placed storage space. >>





La Mancelle Fantasy 440 CL

Price £29,995*
Berths 4
Overall length 6.41m (21' 0")
Overall width 2.05m (6' 9")
Overall height (exc TV aerial) 2.58m (8' 6")
MTPLM 1420kg
Max user payload 349kg

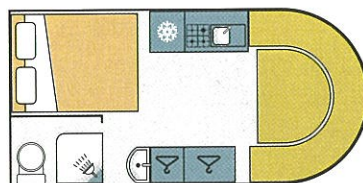
The 440 CL is the larger of the two Fantasy models that Marquis is bringing to the UK. This four-berth provides a pair of spacious double beds. The model's longer length allows for the inclusion of a comfortable island bed – a real luxury for couples on tour. As with its sister 360 CL model, there's a lounge with dining table up front, but the area is bigger here than in the 360.

Again, the kitchen has an oven/grill, and a two-burner hob – there should be plenty of space here for cooking.

La Mancelle Liberty 440 PC

Price £37,995*
Berths 4
Overall length 6.38m (20' 11")
Overall width 2.25m (7' 5")
Overall height (exc TV aerial) 2.58m (8' 6")
MTPLM 1800kg
Max user payload 433kg

We weren't able to view the final caravan in the UK-bound La Mancelle range on our visit to Marquis, but like the 490 SA, the 440 PC has a superb spec as standard. It differs from the 490 SA in having a French (corner) bed and a corner washroom; both kitchen and washroom are also on the opposite side.



Who is Marquis Leisure?

Marquis Motorhomes and Caravans was established in 1973, and is now the UK's largest leisure vehicle dealer, having grown to include 13 branches across the country, from Plymouth to Durham.

Marquis is primarily a motorhome dealer, but also stocks a wide range of new and used caravans at the Durham, South Yorkshire, Surrey, Suffolk and Exeter branches. If you decide to buy a caravan from one of these places,

you can choose to collect it from your local branch if you prefer to do so.

Marquis also has servicing workshops at each of its locations, and you'll receive a CaraMarq three-year guarantee on all pre-owned caravans under 15 years of age, as standard.

La Mancelle models are available to view at the Surrey, Exeter or South Yorkshire branches. Visit marquisleisure.co.uk or call 0800 026 7777.

Specification and construction

All 2023 La Mancelle Liberty and Fantasy models brought to the UK by Marquis will feature a high level of kit as standard. This includes:

- European Whole Vehicle Type Approval
- On-board water tank



- Dometic extractor hood with light and digital clock display
- Two-piece Hartal door with flyscreen
- Al-Ko AKS 3004 stabiliser
- Fully lined shower cubicle with built-in contrast panel, storage and shelves
- Seven-year water ingress warranty
- Alloy wheels
- Marquis exclusive 'Plaisance' graphics
- Exterior gas barbecue point
- 230V external mains socket
- External satellite and aerial connection
- Truma Aventa air conditioning (Liberty models)
- 100% low-energy LED lighting throughout
- Al-Ko heavy-duty corner steadies

For more info on La Mancelle caravans, see www.marquisleisure.co.uk/lamancelle

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CARAVANS



Fantasy

2 LAYOUTS 



Liberty

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Marquis Leisure are pleased to introduce all-new and exclusive caravan ranges from La Mancelle. These high-end caravans, made with passion in their Le Mans facilities, perpetuate the idea of French craftsmanship with quality and outstanding finishes. This exciting brand dares and renews itself constantly to offer you innovation, style and comfort.

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