

Mobilvetta

K-Yacht 80

A rear lounge and UK-handed layout makes this a particularly Brit-friendly model



FACT FILE

BASE VEHICLE Fiat Ducato

PRICE FROM £78,995

BERTHS 4

TRAVEL SEATS 3/4

LENGTH 6.99m

WIDTH 2.35m

HEIGHT 2.89m

GROSS WEIGHT 3,650kg -
(optional 3,500kg with three seatbelts,
or upgrade to 4,400kg)

PAYLOAD 450kg

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WITH its curvaceous nose and bold styling, the Mobilvetta K-Yacht is instantly recognisable – as well as being a welcome change from the brick-like shapes of some older A-classes. It's also one of the very few A-class 'vans currently available with the doors (both habitation and cab) on the UK side. That's, perhaps, more important on this class of motorhome because, like its rivals, the K-Yacht has just one cab door – so, for once, its driver doesn't have to squeeze past the passenger to get out, say, for fuel fill-ups.

The three-model range includes the predictable island bed and twin bed floorplans,

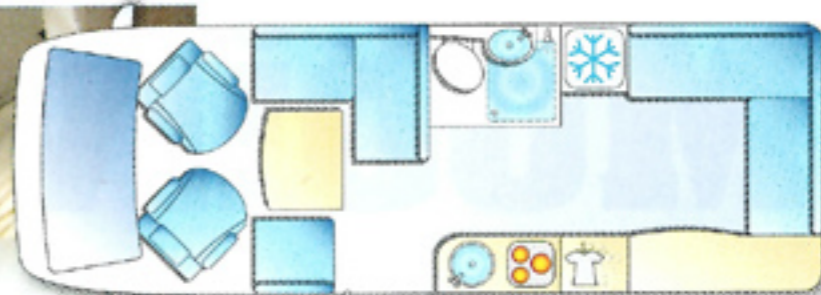
but also a rear lounge model – the 80 seen here – which seems almost purpose-built for UK buyers.

Like other Marquis imports, the K-Yacht comes with a high standard spec – and a commensurately short options list. You'll pay extra for the automatic gearbox (£3,000) or a chassis upgrade (£2,000) but everything else is included (or a dealer-fit accessory, such as an awning). These Mobilvettas are on a 3,650kg chassis as standard, but can be downplated to 3,500kg if a 300kg payload and just three seatbelts will suffice. The optional upgrade is to 4,400kg, resulting in a massive carrying capacity

of way over a tonne.

Basis is a Fiat Ducato, with the new 160bhp engine for extra grunt. It also gets bronze highlights on the dashboard, a leather steering wheel, automatic air-conditioning, a DAB radio with sat-nav and reversing camera, cruise control, Traction Plus, Hill Descent Control and twin airbags.

Inside, there's not just a lounge in the stern but one up front that takes advantage of the full-width A-class cab and panoramic windscreen, as well as the swivelling captain's chairs. The fixed table's movement is controlled by a foot pedal and there's a vast array of



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The Mobilvetta range is imported to the UK by a sister company from the Trigano Group, Marquis Leisure, which has 12 outlets around England. Marquis branches can be found in Lancashire, Northants, Gloucestershire, Berkshire, Dorset, Devon, Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Suffolk, South Yorkshire and County Durham.



Mobilvetta motorhomes are also sold by The Motorhome Company in Perthshire, Scotland and, for customers in Ireland, the brand is represented by Anchor Point Motorhomes in Co Tipperary.

WHO IS MOBILVETTA?



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Mobilvetta's vehicles were first sold in the UK in the 1990s, when its Top Driver 52 was claimed to be the best-selling imported 'van here. After a short absence, the brand returned in the mid-noughties through the Marquis dealer network when both companies had become part of the Italian SEA Group. More recently, Marquis launched the K-Yacht range as its first A-class offering for some years, later adding the closely related Kea P low-profiles. These vehicles now sit as the flagship motorhomes offered by Marquis with a very comprehensive spec and UK-handed bodywork.



interior lighting, plus speakers set into the base of the drop-down cab bed.

This front bed (claimed dimensions 1.90m by 1.35m) is manually operated and has a roof vent directly above. More surprising is that the second double bed, in the stern, is another drop-down unit, rather than being created from the seats. The mattress is said to be bigger here, too – at 2.10m by 1.40m. There are two speakers in the back bedroom and open-fronted roof-level storage pockets.

The central kitchen, along the nearside, has a high-end resin worktop with a lip to catch

spillages, as well as a matching slot-in sink cover. The cooker is a stylish Thetford unit with two gas rings and one induction ring powered by mains 230V. To the rear of the hob is the wardrobe, with a raised section of worktop atop, while opposite is the tall two-door fridge/freezer with a coordinating black-fronted oven/grill mounted above – that could be inconveniently high for some users.

Also on the offside is the bathroom, which includes all the facilities in one space. The shower cubicle has bifold doors and a wooden duckboard but shares floorspace in front of the

'salad bowl' washbasin. An opening window is a practical plus, while the ceramic mug and soap dispenser hint at Mobilvetta's efforts to make this motorhome feel premium.

Another practical feature is the storage in the floor, hidden under carpets (not shown in our photos) when they're fitted. Meanwhile, light-coloured woodwork and pale 'eco leather' upholstery create a spacious feeling, and the standard Winter Pack, Combi 6 gas/electric blown-air heating and inboard 120-litre fresh water tank bode well for all-season use. It adds up to a good-value package.