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First Look



Fountaine Pajot 40

French catamaran specialist Fountaine Pajot has replaced its successful Lipari 41 and Mahe 36 models with a 40ft sailing catamaran, and says it has also drawn inspiration for the new boat from its Helia 44 and Saba 50 sailing catamarans.

The Fountaine Pajot 40 is available in two versions: the Maestro, for owners wanting a large private space belowdecks, and a Quintet version that suits larger families or a group of friends, and charter operators. Both feature a stylish interior design and premium-quality fixtures and finishes, says the company.

The Maestro boasts a spacious owner's suite that takes up the whole starboard hull. It includes a luxurious en suite, a separate toilet, a desk area and large storage and hanging lockers. This space is light and well-ventilated, thanks to several strategically placed deck hatches and portholes. Over in the port hull, two guest cabins each feature double beds, en suites, storage with hanging and storage lockers, portholes and a deck hatch.

To offer as many comfortable sleeping quarters as possible, the Quintet version has four large double cabins (two in each hull) that each include double beds, storage lockers and their own en suites.

Elsewhere on the boat, the layout and fitout is the same across both versions.

The saloon is bright and airy with panoramic bay and ceiling windows, and opens level to the cockpit with a sliding Perspex door. An L-shaped bench seat at a coffee table seats six, with a large storage box hidden inside the wall seat. The chart table is located forward to port, while the aft galley opens to the cockpit with a sliding window. There's a stainless hob with three gas burners, double sinks, abundant galley storage space and a fridge/freezer.

Out in the cockpit, an L-shaped lounge with dining table seats eight, while another

wide settee graces the transom and a single-seat reclining sofa is located to starboard. Stairs in the cockpit lead up to the flybridge helm, as do steps to the walkway that leads to the (optional) foredeck sunpad, and the trampoline that is fitted edge-to-edge.

The Fountaine Pajot 40 has an LOA of 38.5ft (11.73m) and a 21.7ft (6.63m) beam, two 265lt water tanks and a 300lt fuel tank and is priced from \$550,000.

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