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1953 Packard Caribbean

Lot sold	USD 69 804 - 93 072 EUR 60 000 - 80 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1953	Condition	Restored
Country VAT	FR	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	14	Car type	Other

Description

French title

Chassis # L410304

- Exclusive marque
- Thorough restoration
- A myth of the American automobile industry
- Coming from the collection of an enthusiast from South of France
- No reserve

To compete with the Cadillac series 62 and Eldorado, Packard launched the Caribbean Convertible in 1953, directly inspired by the Pan American concept car. Built on a 310 cm chassis and featuring independent front suspension, the Caribbean was equipped with a 5.4-litre straight eight-cylinder engine producing 180 bhp and a three-speed manual gearbox. Just 750 examples were produced in 1953, and 400 in 1954. The Caribbean was the car to have in the 1950s, with the prestige of a marque that represented luxury and exclusivity.

This Caribbean belonged to its previous owner for 12 years before being bought at Retromobile by the current owner. It underwent a comprehensive restoration around ten years ago, including an engine rebuild. The chrome work is immaculate, its burgundy livery is beautiful and the burgundy and white interior is exceptional. The model on offer is equipped with an 'Ultramatic' automatic gearbox, power-assisted steering and brakes, electric windows and hood. Here is an American car not to be missed, whose rarity in Europe would make it an attraction in rallies and shows.

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