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2001 Ferrari 550

Price	USD 431 222 GBP 329 950 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	2001	Interior colour	Beige
Mileage	570 mi / 918 km	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of doors	2	Exterior colour	Blue
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Convertible / Roadster

Description

With the introduction of the 550 Maranello in 1997, Ferrari returned to its custom of building front-engined V12 sports cars, reviving a style that had remained dormant since the demise of the 365GTB/4 'Daytona' in 1974. The 550 Maranello's 48-valve, 5.5-litre V12 developed 485bhp at 7,000rpm, some 100-or-so horsepower more than the Daytona's. Ferrari had discovered that providing optimum balance in a front-engined sports car necessitated the use of a rear transaxle, and the Maranello's came with six speeds.

The 550 Barchetta was introduced at the Paris Motor Show in 2000. The car was a true roadster with no real convertible top provided, while a temporary roof was provided by the factory, it was advised that the car was not to exceed 70mph. A total of 448 Barchettas were built, with all examples sporting carbon fibre backed racing seats as standard.

This LHD example was delivered new in Blu Nart over Crema to Luxembourg via Winandy Freres. The car was also specified from new with Blu carpets, red brake callipers, and Blu 4 point safety harnesses. The car presents exceptionally well, showing just 570 miles from new and benefits further from a major service and cambelt change last year. The opportunities to own such a well-cared for, low mileage 550 Barchetta are now few and far between, especially in such an incredible colour

combination!

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