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La Sarthe
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La Sarthe

**BRINGING BACK THE LOST SPIRIT OF THE STREAMLINE COACHBUILDING ERA.
AN ORIGINAL, MODERN DAY COACHBUILT BENTLEY R-TYPE.**



With its completely handmade aluminium coachwork, created using traditional techniques, La Sarthe can be placed alongside the most elegant coachbuilt cars ever created.

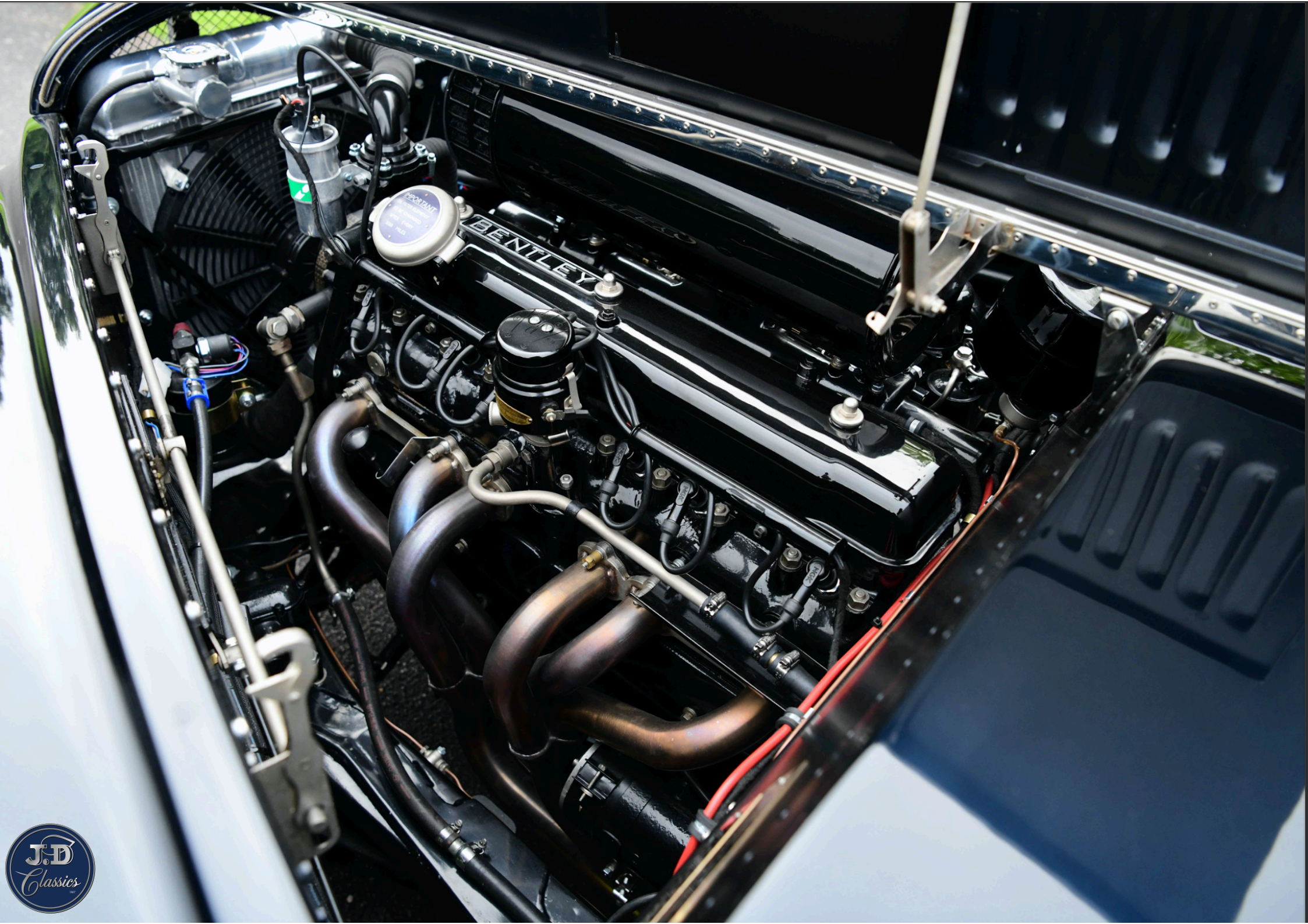
Sitting on an unmodified Bentley MkIV or R-Type chassis, La Sarthe is a true 1950s grand tourer but with the addition of some modern comfort.





“More exclusive than a Continental”
OCTANE MAGAZINE







La Sarthe fixed head coupe standard specification.



Body

- Hand built aluminium two door fastback body.
- Centre opening bonnet with inset louve panels.
- Fuel fillers Le Mans style or under covers.
- Original wheels with original style wheel trims.
- Stainless steel front grille set into cowl.
- Polished stainless steel window frames.
- Paintwork colour to be specified by customer.
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Mechanical

- Standard, original Bentley R-Type chassis fully restored to the highest standard in house.
- Higher than original 3.07:1 “Continental” axle ratio. This gives a cruise of 80mph at around 3000rpm.
- Manual or automatic gearbox.
- Original engine rebuilt.
- Manual gearbox rebuilt to final factory specification.
- Lightweight aluminium fuel tank.
- Aluminium high efficiency radiator.
- Fully operational original Bijur chassis lubrication system.
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Electrics

- Alternator charging system.
- Original points ignition.
- Electric windows.
- Heated rear window.
- Electronic instruments including Speedo, Rev counter (red lined as per Continental spec at 4,300 RPM), oil pressure gauge, water temperature gauge, fuel gauge, clock.
- Electric cooling fan.
- Two speed self park wipers.
- Twin Lucas windtone horns.

Trim and interior

- Specially designed seats with backrest adjustment.
- Customer specified leather upholstery to seats, door and rear quarter panels.
- Customer specified veneer (wood/aluminium) to dash face and door applique.
- Customer specified carpet and headlining.
- Lambs skin rugs in front footwells.



Optional specification

- 4.9 litre engine upgrade with Omega pistons.
- Customer specified tyres, Avon Turbosteel recommended.
- Power steering and a reduced size 16 inch steering wheel.
- Bumpers front and back.
- Spats to rear arches.
- Suitcase set, trimmed in leather fitted to boot or rear luggage area behind seats.
- Air conditioning.
- Sound system.
- Please ask for any special requirements.



Bentley MkIV or R-Type chassis can be used as a donor car.

All work involved in manufacturing a La Sarthe is carried out on site at Bensport works.



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