

## BMW 850i



1990 BMW 850i in Calypso red

The BMW 8 Series of grand tourers were introduced during the 1980s, designed for potent performance and aimed at the high end of the motoring market.

First designs for the BMW 8 Series were drawn up in 1984 and development got underway with prototyping in 1986. Unusually for that time, CAD (computer aided design) was used extensively. Combined with wind tunnel tests, the new BMW model that was launched at the Frankfurt Motor Show in autumn 1989 had an outstandingly sleek, aerodynamic body and a remarkably low drag coefficient of just 0.29.

Our BMW 8 series is powered by a V12 engine and comes with a smooth shifting four-speed automatic transmission, delivering traction via a multi-link rear axle. Other innovations made it the first production car to feature drive by wire accelerators and CAN bus multiplex wiring systems. Although the one-piece pillarless hard-topped body was three kilograms lighter than one of conventional construction, the total vehicle weight was greater due to the car's larger engine and luxury specification. This attracted criticism from some motoring pundits, who might have preferred BMW to have focused on the vehicles' overall handling characteristics instead.

Our 850i is from the first model year and was launched in 1990 with a five-litre engine, delivering an impressive 296 brake horsepower (bhp). Other engineering innovations included stability and traction control, as well as power steering that varied with speed. In 1994, the 850 was superseded

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by a new 5.4-litre 850 CI coupe (326 bhp). Meanwhile, a less potent but hardly mundane 4.0-litre V8 was also introduced, still producing a full 286 bhp at maximum output.

Our 850i presented here today is a great example of the ultimate 90's grand tourer. With its lovely Calypso red paintwork, which is in great overall condition, to its very clean interior. This example has recently had the complete braking system redone by the BMW garage. A lot of work has been done in the past to ensure that everything is sound and in great shape. The car also comes with a summer and winter cover for storage.

Before the car leaves the showroom, our mechanics will give the car a complete check and also perform a service to make sure that this 850i is ready for many more miles to come. In Belgium this car can be registered as a classic car because it is older than 30 years.

Are you ready to go on the ultimate road trip?

Please contact us for more pictures, videos, a test drive or a zoom call. Or if you are near the east of Belgium, close to the Dutch and German border, please stop by.

Brand: BMW

Type: 850i

Engine: 5.0l V12 with 296 bhp

Year: 1990

Transmission: 4 speed automatic

Mileage: 135.635 km

Exterior: Calypso Red

Interior: Grey leather

Price: SOLD

