



KIA

Carnival

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

2151 cc

ENGINE

175 mm

CLEARANCE

13.9 L/100

FUEL ECON

11 seats

SEATING

ZAR 1,049,995 – 1,299,995


Ex-Showroom Starting Price

<https://www.hagalu.com/south-africa/kia/carnival/>

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The premium people carrier segment in South Africa has been persistently underserved. The Toyota Quantum serves the commercial minibus trade. The Volkswagen Caravelle exists for buyers with R1.5m+ budgets and the brand conviction to justify it. Between budget minibus and European van-derived luxury, a persistent gap has left families, charter operators, airport transfer businesses and extended-household transport buyers with inadequate compromises. The KIA Carnival fills this gap with a level of ambition that suggests its product planners spent real time understanding what South African large-family buyers actually need rather than adapting a global product minimally for local consumption. The Carnival is a large vehicle in every meaningful dimension. At 5,155mm in length and 1,995mm in width with a 3,090mm wheelbase, it is broader and longer than a Toyota Fortuner and occupies a parking footprint that requires route planning rather than casual parking habits. This size is the source of the Carnival's principal advantages. The wheelbase creates interior space that genuinely accommodates eight adults on a Johannesburg-to-Durban journey without the compressed, irritable demeanour that inadequate space produces. Third-row passengers — in...



Body Style	5-door 8-seat MPV (sliding rear doors)
Launched	2021
Generation	Fourth generation (KA4); global launch 2020, SA 2021
Fuel Types	Diesel (50ppm)
Colours	Snow White Pearl, Aurora Black Pearl, Steel Grey, Gravity Blue, Glacial White Pearl
OEM Website	https://www.kia.com/za/vehicles/carnival/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 1,049,995 – 1,299,995	2 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.2 CRDi EX AT	Diesel	Automatic	Base	ZAR 1,049,995
2.2 CRDi SXL AT	Diesel	Automatic	Top	ZAR 1,299,995

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.2 CRDi EX AT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,073,594
Cape Town	ZAR 1,078,044
Durban	ZAR 1,070,394
Pretoria	ZAR 1,071,994

* On-road prices are estimates including registration, road tax and insurance.

03 Pros, Cons & Expert Verdict

<p>● STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Power sliding rear doors eliminate door-swing collision risk in tight SA urban parking ✓ Business-class second-row captain's chairs with ventilation and optional footrest (SX)... ✓ 2.2D CRDi delivers adequate power and competitive ~8.5L/100km efficiency for its size ✓ Rear entertainment screens (SX) are a game-changer on SA family road trips ✓ 7-year/150,000km warranty exceptional for a high-occupancy, high-mileage family vehicle ✓ 3,090mm wheelbase creates interior space that no SUV-derived 7-seater can match 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ 5,155mm length and 1,995mm width makes tight urban parking genuinely challenging ✗ FWD only — no AWD option limits wet-weather and gravel road confidence under full load ✗ Cargo space with all 8 seats occupied is minimal — not a dual-purpose family/cargo vehicle ✗ Diesel-only limits buyers who prefer petrol or who operate in petrol-only remote areas ✗ 9.0L/100km at city fuel consumption is a significant monthly cost for daily urban use ✗ Not suited for any off-road use — access roads beyond gravel are not appropriate
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Expert Verdict

"South Africa's finest family people carrier — power sliding doors, business-class second-row seating and diesel efficiency in a package that outclasses every rival under R1.2m by a substantial margin."

The Carnival occupies its own category in South Africa: no rival offers the combination of 8-seat premium accommodation, power sliding doors, diesel efficiency and KIA's seven-year warranty at under R1.15m. The second-row captain's chairs and rear entertainment screens are category-defining luxuries. Its limitations — FWD only, modest cargo with all seats occupied, urban size challenges — are the expected trade-offs of premium people-carrier engineering.

City Driving	Good — power sliding doors transform urban loading; size requires planned parking
Highway	Excellent — 2.2D diesel, 8AT and long wheelbase create exceptional inter-city cruising refinement
Off-Road	Not suited — FWD unibody construction for road use only
Best For	Large family needing 8-seat premium transport; charter/transfer operator; executive seeking premium people carrier; extended-family household transport

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 2 variants of the KIA Carnival side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	2.2 CRDi EX AT	2.2 CRDi SXL AT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 1,049,995	ZAR 1,299,995
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Top
Engine	2151 cc (2.2L)	2151 cc (2.2L)
Max Power	148 kW	148 kW
Max Torque	440 Nm	440 Nm
Drivetrain	FWD	FWD
Fuel Economy	13.9 km/l	13.9 km/l
Seating	11	11
Boot Space	145 L	145 L
Ground Clearance	175 mm	175 mm
Kerb Weight	2095 kg	2110 kg

→ [Compare these variants on hagalu.com](#) (live prices, on-road costs, real owner reviews and EMI calculator)

05 KIA Carnival — 2.2 CRDi EX AT

ZAR 1,049,995

ENGINE 2151 cc	POWER 148 kW kW	TORQUE 440 Nm Nm	ECONOMY 13.9 km/l	FUEL Diesel Automatic
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Base Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.2 CRDi D4HB Inline-4 Diesel	Engine Type	Inline 4 Cylinder Turbodiesel
Engine Type Config	Inline 4 Cylinder (I4) DOHC 16-Valve Diesel	Engine Code	D4HB
Cylinder Layout	Inline 4 (I4)	Cylinders	4
Valves per Cylinder	16	Displacement	2151 cc
Engine Displacement	2151 cc	Engine Aspiration	Turbocharged
Turbocharger	Yes	Cylinder Bore	85.4 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	8-Speed Automatic	Transmission	8-Speed Automatic
Transmission Type	Automatic Transmission	Number of Gears	8
Clutch Type	Torque Converter	Paddle Shifters	No
Final Drive Ratio	3.63	Drivetrain	FWD
Drive Type	FWD	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
Transfer Case	N/A	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	5155 mm	Width	1995 mm
Height	1775 mm	Wheelbase	3090 mm
Front Track Width	1713 mm	Rear Track Width	1711 mm
Ground Clearance	175 mm	Turning Radius	12.1 m
Front Overhang	938 mm	Rear Overhang	1127 mm
Kerb Weight	2095 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight	2700 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

AdBlue Tank Capacity	No I	Claimed Fuel Consumption	7.2 l/100km
Claimed Mileage	13.9 km/l	City Mileage	11.1 km/l
Highway Mileage	16.9 km/l	Average Fuel Consumption	7.2
Real-world Mileage	8.6 km/l	Fuel Efficiency	7.2 L/100km l/100km
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Distance To Empty	N/A	Low Fuel Warning	Yes

SAFETY

Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
Brake Override System	Yes	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes
Airbags	7	Driver Airbag	Yes

Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes
Curtain Airbags	Yes	Knee Airbag	Yes
Side Impact Beams	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Valves Per Cylinder	4	Intercooler	Yes
Launch Control	No	Rev Matching	No
Performance Data Logger	No	Fuel Consumption Combined	7.2
Engine Start Stop	Yes	Engine Start Stop Button	Yes
Engine Start Button Illumination	Yes	Engine Check Warning	Yes
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Ground Clearance Unladen	175

+ 11 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, ...) available on the live model page.

→ [See 2.2 CRDi EX AT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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Auto Start Stop	Yes	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Distance To Empty	N/A	Low Fuel Warning	Yes

SAFETY

Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Engine Immobiliser	Yes
Brake Override System	Yes	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes
Airbags	7	Driver Airbag	Yes

Passenger Airbag	Yes	Side Airbags	Yes
Curtain Airbags	Yes	Knee Airbag	Yes
Side Impact Beams	Yes	Seatbelt Pretensioners	Yes

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→ 2.2 CRDi EX AT — ZAR 1,049,995

→ 2.2 CRDi SXL AT — ZAR 1,299,995

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