



KIA

Sorento

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

2151 cc

ENGINE

185 mm

CLEARANCE

15.6 L/100

FUEL ECON

7 seats

SEATING

ZAR 999,995 – 1,299,995


Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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

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01 Overview & Quick Facts

In South Africa's R1m-plus SUV market the rules change. Buyers at this price level are not choosing between adequate and good — they are choosing between good and excellent, and they expect every rand of their commitment to be visible and felt in the vehicle they drive home. The KIA Sorento enters this territory with a value argument that becomes more aggressive the further up the premium SUV hierarchy you look, because the specification gap between what the Sorento delivers and what its higher-priced competitors offer narrows while the price gap widens in the Sorento's favour. The fourth-generation Sorento is built on an advanced monocoque platform shared with the Sportage NQ5 but stretched into seven-seat large SUV territory. At 4,810mm in length and 1,900mm in width, it is a substantial vehicle — larger than a Toyota Fortuner, similar in footprint to a Land Rover Discovery Sport and more spacious inside than either competitor at the price point where the Sorento operates. The wheelbase of 2,815mm provides the interior proportions to back up the exterior promise. The sole South African powertrain...



Body Style	5-door 7-seat large SUV
Launched	2021
Generation	Fourth generation (MQ4); global launch 2020, SA 2021
Fuel Types	Diesel (50ppm)
Colours	Glacier White Pearl, Aurora Black Pearl, Steel Grey, Interstellar Grey, Gravity Blue
OEM Website	https://www.kia.com/za/vehicles/sorento/

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 999,995 – 1,299,995			3 Variants Available
Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.2 CRDi EX+ 2WD DCT	Diesel	Automatic	Base	ZAR 999,995
2.2 CRDi SX AWD DCT	Diesel	Automatic	Top	ZAR 1,199,995
2.2 CRDi SXL AWD DCT	Diesel	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 1,299,995

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.2 CRDi EX+ 2WD DCT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,022,994
Cape Town	ZAR 1,027,294
Durban	ZAR 1,019,894
Pretoria	ZAR 1,021,444

* 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"> ✓ 2.2L CRDi 148kW/440Nm diesel provides effortless large-SUV performance and ~8L/100km... ✓ Panoramic curved display architecture matches vehicles priced R300k+ higher ✓ Genuine adult third-row seating — not nominal 7-seat claim but functional accommodation ✓ Dual panoramic sunroof on SX creates unmatched open-sky experience on SA road trips ✓ Bose Premium Sound standard from EX+ — exceptional audio in its price bracket ✓ 7-year/150,000km warranty is uniquely reassuring at the R1m+ investment level 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Toyota Fortuner has measurably higher used-car residual values in SA market ✗ Road-biased AWD is not suitable for serious off-road routes — Sani Pass, Baviaanskloof ✗ KIA dealer network coverage in rural areas still trails Toyota in depth and spread ✗ Third-row access requires tilting second-row — less convenient than sliding-door... ✗ Diesel-only SA line-up limits buyers who prefer petrol drivetrain simplicity ✗ Size (4,810mm) requires significant parking planning in tight urban environments
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Expert Verdict

"KIA's flagship SUV offers more interior technology and better diesel efficiency than the Toyota Fortuner at comparable pricing, backed by South Africa's longest warranty — but Toyota's residual value dominance remains the key trade-off."

The Sorento makes a compelling rational case against every competitor in its segment. The 2.2D diesel's 148kW/440Nm, the panoramic curved display architecture, Bose audio and comprehensive ADAS exceed what rivals offer at comparable prices. The seven-year warranty is decisive for buyers who think in terms of total ownership cost. Toyota's residual value mythology is the Sorento's most stubborn competitive challenge — it is real, and buyers should account for it in their decision.

City Driving	Good — size requires planning in tight areas; premium interior makes city use comfortable and refined
Highway	Excellent — 2.2D diesel and 8AT deliver effortless, efficient long-distance performance
Off-Road	Moderate — AWD handles gravel and game lodge access well; not a Sani Pass vehicle
Best For	Premium family buyer; Johannesburg/Cape Town executive needing large comfortable 7-seat diesel; buyer stepping up from Fortuner or Prado wanting more interior technology

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

All 3 variants of the KIA Sorento 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+ 2WD DCT	2.2 CRDi SX AWD DCT	2.2 CRDi SXL AWD DCT
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 999,995	ZAR 1,199,995	ZAR 1,299,995
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Top	Flagship
Engine	2151 cc (2.2L)	2151 cc (2.2L)	2151 cc (2.2L)
Max Power	148 kW	148 kW	148 kW
Max Torque	440 Nm	440 Nm	440 Nm
Drivetrain	FWD	AWD	AWD
Fuel Economy	15.6 km/l	15.6 km/l	15.6 km/l
Seating	7	7	7
Boot Space	219 L	219 L	219 L
Ground Clearance	185 mm	185 mm	185 mm
Kerb Weight	1880 kg	1940 kg	1960 kg

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

05 KIA Sorento — 2.2 CRDi EX+ 2WD DCT

ZAR 999,995

ENGINE 2151 cc	POWER 148 kW kW	TORQUE 440 Nm Nm	ECONOMY 15.6 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 DCT	Transmission	8-Speed DCT
Transmission Type	Dual Clutch Transmission	Number of Gears	8
Clutch Type	Dry Dual Clutch	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Final Drive Ratio	3.63	Drivetrain	FWD
Drive Type	FWD	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
Transfer Case	N/A	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	4810 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1700 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Front Track Width	1640 mm	Rear Track Width	1644 mm
Ground Clearance	185 mm	Turning Radius	11.2 m
Front Overhang	900 mm	Rear Overhang	1095 mm
Kerb Weight	1880 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight	2450 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

AdBlue Tank Capacity	No I	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.4 l/100km
Claimed Mileage	15.6 km/l	City Mileage	12.8 km/l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Average Fuel Consumption	6.4
Real-world Mileage	7.7 km/l	Fuel Efficiency	6.4 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	6.4
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	185

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

→ [See 2.2 CRDi EX+ 2WD DCT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

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06 KIA Sorento — 2.2 CRDi SX AWD DCT

ZAR 1,199,995

ENGINE 2151 cc	POWER 148 kW kW	TORQUE 440 Nm Nm	ECONOMY 15.6 km/l	FUEL Diesel Automatic
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Top 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 DCT	Transmission	8-Speed DCT
Transmission Type	Dual Clutch Transmission	Number of Gears	8
Clutch Type	Dry Dual Clutch	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Final Drive Ratio	3.63	Drivetrain	AWD
Drive Type	AWD	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
Transfer Case	Electronic Coupling	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	4810 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1700 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Front Track Width	1640 mm	Rear Track Width	1644 mm
Ground Clearance	185 mm	Turning Radius	11.2 m
Front Overhang	900 mm	Rear Overhang	1095 mm
Kerb Weight	1940 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight	2500 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

AdBlue Tank Capacity	No I	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.4 l/100km
Claimed Mileage	15.6 km/l	City Mileage	12.8 km/l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Average Fuel Consumption	6.4
Real-world Mileage	7.7 km/l	Fuel Efficiency	6.4 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	6.4
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	185

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07 KIA Sorento — 2.2 CRDi SXL AWD DCT

ZAR 1,299,995

ENGINE 2151 cc	POWER 148 kW kW	TORQUE 440 Nm Nm	ECONOMY 15.6 km/l	FUEL Diesel Automatic
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Flagship 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 DCT	Transmission	8-Speed DCT
Transmission Type	Dual Clutch Transmission	Number of Gears	8
Clutch Type	Dry Dual Clutch	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Final Drive Ratio	3.63	Drivetrain	AWD
Drive Type	AWD	Drivetrain Layout	FWD
Transfer Case	Electronic Coupling	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	4810 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1700 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Front Track Width	1640 mm	Rear Track Width	1644 mm
Ground Clearance	185 mm	Turning Radius	11.2 m
Front Overhang	900 mm	Rear Overhang	1095 mm
Kerb Weight	1960 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight	2550 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

AdBlue Tank Capacity	No I	Claimed Fuel Consumption	6.4 l/100km
Claimed Mileage	15.6 km/l	City Mileage	12.8 km/l
Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l	Average Fuel Consumption	6.4
Real-world Mileage	7.7 km/l	Fuel Efficiency	6.4 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	6.4
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	185

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→ 2.2 CRDi EX+ 2WD DCT — ZAR 999,995

→ 2.2 CRDi SX AWD DCT — ZAR 1,199,995

→ 2.2 CRDi SXL AWD DCT — ZAR 1,299,995

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