

KIA

Sorento

South Africa • 2026 Hagalu Buyer's Guide

2151 cc	148 kW	185 mm	15.6 km/l	7 seats
ENGINE	POWER	CLEARANCE	FUEL ECON	SEATING

ZAR 999,995 – 1,299,995

Ex-Showroom Starting Price

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Source-backed	No rating inferred	3 Variants	3 Priced

01 Overview & Quick Facts

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 sole South African powertrain is the 2.2-litre CRDi four-cylinder diesel — 148kW and 440Nm. This is not a modest engine pressed into large-SUV service. The AWD system…



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

Ex-Showroom Starting Price	ZAR 999,995 – 1,299,995	3 Listed Variants

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 & Buyer Summary

● STRENGTHS

- ✓ Body style: SUV
- ✓ Fuel type: Diesel
- ✓ South African price: R999,995
- ✓ Engine: 2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel
- ✓ Power output: 148 kW @ 3800 rpm
- ✓ Transmission: 8-Speed DCT

● CONSIDERATIONS

- ✗ Exact equipment for Sorento can vary by derivative.
- ✗ Real fuel use for Sorento depends on route, load and weather.
- ✗ The written Sorento quotation should be checked before purchase.
- ✗ Tyre, insurance and service costs need a separate Sorento budget.
- ✗ A short Sorento test drive cannot represent every ownership route.
- ✗ Sorento capability should not be inferred from body styling alone.

Buyer Summary

> *"Sorento deserves a closer look when its price, equipment and powertrain fit the owner's route."*

South African buyers need to understand this distinction precisely. Not the nominal folded-flat arrangement that some large SUVs offer as a spec-sheet tick, but functional seats for adults of average height on journeys of reasonable duration. A fair review of Sorento should end with the owner's route, not a universal verdict. The combination of a front-wheel drive drivetrain, a South African price reference of R1,199,995 and a AWD drivetrain can be valuable for the right driver. The buying case for Sorento is specific. Engine of 2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel gives it a reason to be considered, while a power output of 148 kW @ 3800 rpm and a 8-Speed DCT transmission set the boundaries for Sorento. It deserves a shortlist when those details solve a repeated South African driving need for Sorento. It is less persuasive when the buyer is paying for unused capacity or assuming that another derivative's equipment applies here for Sorento. Compare the written price, the nearest grade and one genuine alternative before deciding for Sorento

City Driving	Real-world fuel consumption in South African mixed driving runs between 7.5 and 8.5 litres per 100km — exceptional for a vehicle of this size and occupant capacity. The urban test for Sorento should resemble the owner's route: a cold start, queues, kerbs, a narrow turn and a place where people or goods must be loaded. The vehicle's a South African price reference of R1,199,995 is only useful if access and visibility work in practice
Highway	148kW and 440Nm are figures that move a 2.5-tonne loaded large SUV from rest to 100km/h in approximately 8.5 seconds and cruise the N1 at 120km/h in a state of unhurried composure. For highway buyers, the Sorento needs to make sense when passengers, luggage or work equipment are aboard. Long-distance comfort depends on details that disappear in a short test drive for Sorento. Run Sorento at legal cruising speed, include a hill and a safe overtake, and see whether the driver can remain relaxed after an hour. The interaction between a 8-Speed DCT transmission, a 8-Speed DCT transmission and a front-wheel drive drivetrain is more informative than maximum speed for Sorento. Owners travelling between provinces should also price replacement tyres, roadside assistance and scheduled service for Sorento

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Off-Road	The Sorento AWD provides excellent wet-road stability on Cape Town's winter-rain mountain passes — Chapman's Peak in July, Franschhoek Pass in June — confident traction on the gravel approach roads to Kruger's private game lodges and capable progress on Northern Cape farm roads. A AWD drivetrain may help, but neither a tall bonnet nor diesel alone creates four-wheel drive, low range or a published wading ability
Best For	The best buyer for Sorento can describe a recurring reason for choosing its suv layout. Then compare a 8-Speed DCT transmission and a front-wheel drive drivetrain with insurance, tyres, maintenance and the monthly finance payment

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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	8-Speed DCT	8-Speed DCT	8-Speed DCT
Trim Level	Base	Top	Flagship
Engine	2151 cc (2.2L)	2151 cc (2.2L)	2151 cc (2.2L)
Max Power	148 kW (198 bhp)	148 kW (198 bhp)	148 kW (198 bhp)
Max Torque	440 Nm (325 lb-ft)	440 Nm (325 lb-ft)	440 Nm (325 lb-ft)
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** (published prices, on-road estimates, source-backed specifications and buyer guidance)

05 KIA Sorento — 2.2 CRDi EX+ 2WD DCT

ZAR 999,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
2151 cc	148 kW · 198 bhp	440 Nm · 325 lb-ft	15.6 km/l	Diesel 8-Speed DCT

Base Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel	Engine Code	D4HB
Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	2151 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	15.4:1	Bore	85.4 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

Transmission Speeds	8	Gearbox	8-Speed DCT
Transmission Type	Dual Clutch Transmission	Number of Gears	8
Gear Shift Type	Automatic	Gear Shift Indicator	No
Clutch Type	Dry Dual Clutch	Paddle Shifters	Yes
Final Drive Ratio	3.63	Drivetrain	FWD
Drivetrain Layout	FWD	Differential Lock	No

DIMENSIONS

Length	4810 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1700 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	176 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l	Boot/Cargo Space	219 l
Kerb Weight	1880 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2450 kg
Payload Capacity	650 kg	Towing Capacity	2000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Claimed Mileage	15.6 km/l	City Mileage	12.8 km/l
AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l	Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable
Real-world Mileage	7.7 km/l	Fuel Tank Litres	67
Auto Start Stop	Yes	Emission Standard	Euro 6
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km

SAFETY

Hill Descent Control	Not Available	AEB	Yes

Pedestrian Detection AEB	Yes	Lane Change Warning	Yes
Blind Spot Monitoring	Yes	Rear Cross Traffic Alert	Yes
Fatigue Detection	Yes	Speed Alert System	Yes
Brake Assist	Yes	Alarm System	Yes
Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes	Airbags	7

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Tilt Steering	Tilt and Telescopic	Telescopic Steering	Tilt and Telescopic
One Pedal Driving	Not Available	Vehicle To Load	Not Available
Vehicle To Grid	Not Available	Skid Plates	No
Bottle Holders	6	Follow Me Home Headlamps	Yes
Side Steps	No	Sub Frame	Unibody
Stabilizer Bar Rear	Yes	Glove Box	Yes

+ 13 more spec categories (Infotainment & Connectivity, Interior, Exterior, Driver Assistance, …) available on the live model page.

→ See 2.2 CRDi EX+ 2WD DCT full specs and lifecycle details in South Africa

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06 KIA Sorento — 2.2 CRDi SX AWD DCT

ZAR 1,199,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
2151 cc	148 kW · 198 bhp	440 Nm · 325 lb-ft	15.6 km/l	Diesel 8-Speed DCT

Top Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel	Engine Code	D4HB
Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	2151 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	15.4:1	Bore	85.4 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gear Shift Indicator	No
Clutch Type	Dry Dual Clutch	Transmission Speeds	8
Gearbox Type	8-Speed DCT	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	15.2:1
Paddle Shifters	Yes	Gearbox	8-Speed DCT
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Drivetrain Layout	FWD

DIMENSIONS

Length	4810 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1700 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	176 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l	Boot/Cargo Space	219 l
Kerb Weight	1940 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2500 kg
Payload Capacity	620 kg	Towing Capacity	2000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l
Auto Start Stop	Yes	City Mileage	12.8 km/l
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l
AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l	Real-world Mileage	7.7 km/l
Claimed Mileage	15.6 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
Range Real World Highway	Not Applicable km	Combined Driving Range	Not Applicable

SAFETY

Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Central Locking	Yes

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Alarm System	Yes	Anti Theft Alarm	Yes
Driver Passenger Airbags	7	Driver Front Passenger Airbags	7
ESC With Traction Control	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Brake Override System	Yes	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes
Airbags	7	Driver Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Intercooler	Yes	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
Drag Coefficient	0.35	Roof Load	100 kg
Boot Space Seats Folded	616 l	Stabilizer Bar	Yes

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07 KIA Sorento — 2.2 CRDi SXL AWD DCT

ZAR 1,299,995

ENGINE	POWER	TORQUE	ECONOMY	FUEL
2151 cc	148 kW · 198 bhp	440 Nm · 325 lb-ft	15.6 km/l	Diesel 8-Speed DCT

Flagship Trim · Diesel · Automatic

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ENGINE & PERFORMANCE

Engine	2.2-litre Turbocharged Diesel	Engine Code	D4HB
Fuel Type	Diesel	Engine Displacement	2151 cc
Cylinders	4	Cylinder Layout	Inline
Valves	16	Valves per Cylinder	4
Aspiration	Turbocharged	Fuel System	Common Rail Direct Injection
Compression Ratio	15.4:1	Bore	85.4 mm

TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN

LSD Available	No	Gear Shift Indicator	No
Clutch Type	Dry Dual Clutch	Transmission Speeds	8
Gearbox Type	8-Speed DCT	Gear Shift Type	Automatic
4WD Hi Range	Not Applicable	Steering Turns Lock to Lock	15.2:1
Paddle Shifters	Yes	Gearbox	8-Speed DCT
Transfer Case	Not Applicable	Drivetrain Layout	FWD

DIMENSIONS

Length	4810 mm	Width	1900 mm
Height	1700 mm	Wheelbase	2815 mm
Ground Clearance (Default)	185 mm	Ground Clearance (With Full Seating Load)	176 mm
Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l	Boot/Cargo Space	219 l
Kerb Weight	1960 kg	Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)	2550 kg
Payload Capacity	620 kg	Towing Capacity	2000 kg

MILEAGE & EFFICIENCY

Emission Standard	Euro 6	Fuel Tank Capacity	67 l
Auto Start Stop	Yes	City Mileage	12.8 km/l
Low Fuel Warning	Yes	Highway Mileage	18.5 km/l
AdBlue Tank Capacity	No l	Real-world Mileage	7.7 km/l
Claimed Mileage	15.6 km/l	Range Real World Mixed	Not Applicable km
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SAFETY

Engine Immobiliser	Yes	Central Locking	Yes

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Alarm System	Yes	Anti Theft Alarm	Yes
Driver Passenger Airbags	7	Driver Front Passenger Airbags	7
ESC With Traction Control	Yes	ABS EBD	Yes
Brake Override System	Yes	Tyre Pressure Monitor	Yes
Airbags	7	Driver Airbag	Yes

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

Intercooler	Yes	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
Drag Coefficient	0.35	Roof Load	100 kg
Boot Space Seats Folded	616 l	Stabilizer Bar	Yes

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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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