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Land Cruiser Prado

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

ZAR 980,000 – 1,150,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price


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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Toyota Land Cruiser Prado is a current South African SUV positioned for families and private buyers who need SUV practicality without losing everyday comfort. It is represented locally by 2 confirmed derivatives. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R980 000 to R1 150 000, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. That makes it useful to read the range as a real buying ladder, not just as one badge on a showroom menu. The South African range uses Diesel power with Automatic choices. Available engine references include 2.8L Turbo Diesel. The published output picture lists power figures around 150 kW and torque figures around 500 Nm. Drivetrain coverage includes 4WD / AWD, which is important when separating daily commuter trims from rough-road or load-focused derivatives. The derivative walk is central to the buying decision. Confirmed local versions include 2.8 GD 4x4 Automatic and 2.8 VX 4x4 Automatic. The lower grades make sense for buyers who want the body style and warranty position at the lowest realistic monthly cost, while the higher grades...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	1996
Generation	Current Prado represents the latest evolution of Toyota's global Land Cruiser platform with modern safety and comfort upgrades
Fuel Types	Diesel
Colours	White,Black,Silver,Grey,Dark Blue
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/land-cruiser-prado

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 980,000 – 1,150,000	2 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.8 GD 4x4 Automatic	Diesel	Automatic	Top	ZAR 980,000
2.8 VX 4x4 Automatic	Diesel	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 1,150,000

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.8 GD 4x4 Automatic (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 1,002,760
Cape Town	ZAR 1,007,000
Durban	ZAR 999,700
Pretoria	ZAR 1,001,230

* 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"> ✓ Clear local range structure ✓ Confirmed South African variant coverage ✓ Useful price ladder for comparison ✓ Powertrain choices documented by derivative ✓ Adventure-capable derivatives are available ✓ Ownership cover can be compared by trim 	<p>● CONSIDERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Best value depends heavily on trim choice ✗ Upper grades need careful price justification ✗ Some equipment can vary by derivative ✗ Real-world fuel use depends on load and route ✗ Tyre and insurance costs should be checked ✗ Two-wheel-drive versions are not a substitute for 4x4 hardware
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Expert Verdict

"Toyota Land Cruiser Prado is strongest when the chosen derivative matches the buyer's real SUV use case."

The Toyota Land Cruiser Prado is not a one-line recommendation; it is a range that needs to be matched carefully to the buyer. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R980 000 to R1 150 000, so the range covers both the cost-sensitive entry decision and the better-equipped upper grades. The sensible approach is to start with body style and seating or load requirements, then choose the variant whose price, transmission, drivetrain and equipment fit the weekly routine. That keeps the decision grounded in ownership reality rather than showroom appeal. The fairest verdict on the Toyota Land Cruiser Prado is therefore use-case driven. It can be a strong South African choice when the buyer chooses the correct derivative for the intended mix of city driving, freeway work, passengers, cargo and rough-road exposure. It becomes less convincing when bought only for styling or badge appeal without checking the practical numbers and ownership costs that will matter after delivery.

City Driving	In city use the Land Cruiser Prado should be judged by visibility, parking effort, stop-start comfort and the way the automatic transmission behaves in traffic. An SUV with a sensible seating position can make daily errands easier, but buyers should still check wheel size, camera availability and low-speed ride comfort on the exact derivative they intend to buy. For the Land Cruiser Prado, city use also means potholes, tight shopping-centre ramps, speed humps, heat-soaked traffic and short trips where fuel use can rise. The most comfortable derivative is the one that combines the right gearbox response, seating position and parking support with tyre sizes that do not punish everyday surfaces.
Highway	On longer South African routes the Land Cruiser Prado needs stable cruising manners, predictable overtaking and a cabin that does not become tiring after several hours. Published consumption references around 8 l/100km and 8.1 help frame running costs, while output references around 150 kW help explain overtaking confidence. Buyers who travel with passengers or cargo should compare the loaded feel and not rely only on solo test-drive impressions. A buyer who drives between provinces or carries family on holiday should also consider noise, seat support, spare-wheel arrangements, overtaking response and how confidently the vehicle holds speed when loaded. Those details often separate two trims that look similar on paper.

Off-Road

For gravel roads, farms, construction sites or holiday routes, choose the Land Cruiser Prado derivative with the correct drivetrain and tyre package rather than assuming the body shape alone is enough. Ground-clearance references around 220 mm add context. Two-wheel-drive versions can still be useful on poor surfaces, but serious off-road work belongs to derivatives with the proper traction hardware and underbody tolerance. Where rougher roads are part of ownership, the buyer should check tyres, underbody clearance, approach to traction control and recovery practicality before relying on the body style. If the route is mainly tar, comfort and running costs should take priority over unused off-road image.

Best For

The Toyota Land Cruiser Prado suits families and private buyers who need SUV practicality without losing everyday comfort. It is strongest for buyers who already know the body format works for their parking, family, business or leisure needs, and who now need to choose the right derivative by monthly cost, transmission, equipment and practical capability. It is less suited to shoppers who only want the lowest advertised price without checking what changes between trims.

04 Variant Comparison Matrix

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

SPEC	2.8 GD 4x4 Automatic	2.8 VX 4x4 Automatic
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 980,000	ZAR 1,150,000
Fuel Type	Diesel	Diesel
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Top	Flagship
Engine	—	—
Max Power	—	—
Max Torque	—	—
Drivetrain	—	—
Fuel Economy	—	—
Seating	—	—
Boot Space	—	—
Ground Clearance	—	—
Kerb Weight	—	—

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

**05 Toyota Land Cruiser Prado — 2.8 GD 4x4
Automatic**

ZAR 980,000

FUEL

Diesel
Automatic

Top Trim · Diesel · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 2.8 GD 4x4 Automatic full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

**06 Toyota Land Cruiser Prado — 2.8 VX 4x4
Automatic**

ZAR 1,150,000

FUEL

Diesel
Automatic

Flagship Trim · Diesel · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 2.8 VX 4x4 Automatic full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

07 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to live prices for each variant

→ [2.8 GD 4x4 Automatic](#) — ZAR 980,000

→ [2.8 VX 4x4 Automatic](#) — ZAR 1,150,000

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