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RAV4

South Africa • 2026 Official Buyer's Guide

ZAR 610,000 – 760,000

Ex-Showroom Starting Price


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01 Overview & Quick Facts

The Toyota RAV4 is a current South African SUV positioned for buyers who want lower-consumption technology without leaving the SUV format. It is represented locally by 4 confirmed derivatives. Confirmed South African pricing runs from R610 000 to R760 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 Petrol and Hybrid power with Automatic choices. Available engine references include 2.0L Naturally Aspirated Petrol and 2.5L Petrol Hybrid. The published output picture lists power figures around 127 kW and 160 and torque figures around 203 Nm and 221. 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 2.0 GX CVT, 2.0 VX CVT, 2.5 Hybrid GX CVT AWD, and 2.5 Hybrid VX CVT AWD. The lower grades make sense for buyers who want the body...



Body Style	SUV
Launched	1994
Generation	Current generation RAV4 built on Toyota TNGA platform
Fuel Types	Petrol and Hybrid
Colours	White,Black,Silver,Grey,Blue,Red
OEM Website	https://www.toyota.co.za/vehicles/rav4

02 Variant Pricing & On-Road Costs

Starting From	ZAR 610,000 – 760,000	4 Variants Available
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Variant	Fuel	Transmission	Trim	Ex-Showroom
2.0 GX CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Base	ZAR 610,000
2.0 VX CVT	Petrol	Automatic	Mid	ZAR 660,000
2.5 Hybrid GX CVT AWD	Hybrid	Automatic	Top	ZAR 710,000
2.5 Hybrid VX CVT AWD	Hybrid	Automatic	Flagship	ZAR 760,000

Estimated On-Road Price — 2.0 GX CVT (Base Variant)

Johannesburg	ZAR 628,320
Cape Town	ZAR 631,450
Durban	ZAR 626,000
Pretoria	ZAR 627,160

* 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 RAV4 is strongest when the chosen derivative matches the buyer's real SUV use case."

The Toyota RAV4 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 R610 000 to R760 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 RAV4 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 RAV4 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 RAV4, 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 RAV4 needs stable cruising manners, predictable overtaking and a cabin that does not become tiring after several hours. Published consumption references around 6.7 l/100km, 6.6, and 5 help frame running costs, while output references around 127 kW and 160 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 RAV4 derivative with the correct drivetrain and tyre package rather than assuming the body shape alone is enough. Ground-clearance references around 195 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 RAV4 suits buyers who want lower-consumption technology without leaving the SUV format. 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 4 variants of the Toyota RAV4 side-by-side. Use this to spot the smallest differences quickly — fuel, power, gearbox and price all in one view.

SPEC	2.0 GX CVT	2.0 VX CVT	2.5 Hybrid GX CVT AWD	2.5 Hybrid VX CVT AWD
Price (ex-showroom)	ZAR 610,000	ZAR 660,000	ZAR 710,000	ZAR 760,000
Fuel Type	Petrol	Petrol	Hybrid	Hybrid
Transmission	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Trim Level	Base	Mid	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 RAV4 — 2.0 GX CVT

ZAR 610,000

FUEL

Petrol
Automatic

Base Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 2.0 GX CVT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

06 Toyota RAV4 — 2.0 VX CVT

ZAR 660,000

FUEL

Petrol
Automatic

Mid Trim · Petrol · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 2.0 VX CVT full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

07 Toyota RAV4 — 2.5 Hybrid GX CVT AWD

ZAR 710,000

FUEL

Hybrid
Automatic

Top Trim · Hybrid · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 2.5 Hybrid GX CVT AWD full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

08 Toyota RAV4 — 2.5 Hybrid VX CVT AWD

ZAR 760,000

FUEL

Hybrid
Automatic

Flagship Trim · Hybrid · Automatic

[View live price & EMI →](#)

→ [See 2.5 Hybrid VX CVT AWD full specs, live price & on-road costs in South Africa](#)

[Compare with rivals →](#)

09 Explore More on Hagalu

Jump to live prices for each variant

→ 2.0 GX CVT — ZAR 610,000

→ 2.0 VX CVT — ZAR 660,000

→ 2.5 Hybrid GX CVT AWD — ZAR 710,000

→ 2.5 Hybrid VX CVT AWD — ZAR 760,000

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